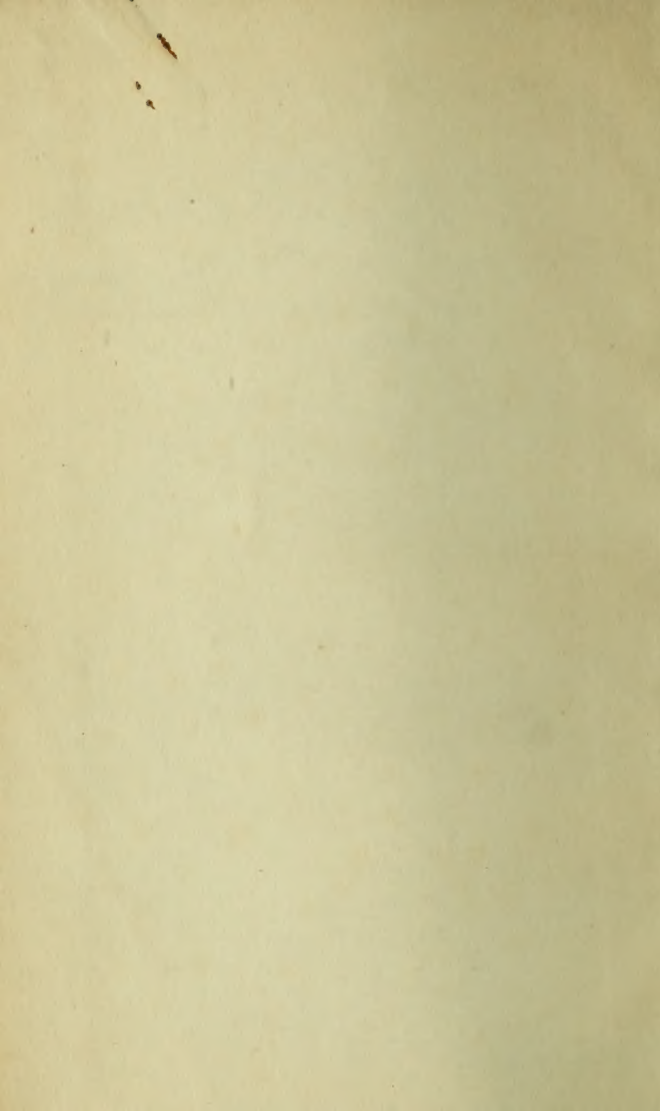


THE PEOPLE'S PSALTER

WITH CATHEDRAL POINTING

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CONTAINING
THE PSALMS OF DAVID

TOGETHER WITH THE
LITANY AND THE CANTICLES AND HYMNS OF
THE CHURCH

WITH THE POINTING
OF THE
CATHEDRAL PSALTER

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INTRODUCTION.

IN response to a demand, and with the desire to help choirs in the intelligent rendering of the Psalms, the People's Psalter has been pointed, and, it is hoped thereby rendered more widely useful. By arrangement with Messrs. Novello & Company, Ltd., the Cathedral pointing, which is the most widely used, has been adopted. In order that the singer may not find his work made more difficult by the divisions which cannot always be expressed by changes of chants, these have been reduced in number, and placed in lighter type. This has needed a revision of the whole work, which has been done as carefully as possible consistent with the limitations imposed by the heavy work of a large parish. Messrs. Novello & Co. have kindly allowed their Preface, explaining the pointing adopted, to be inserted in the book.

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PREFACE TO THE CATHEDRAL PSALTER.

1. The words from the commencement of each verse and half-verse up to the accented syllable, are called the Recitation.

2. On reaching the accented syllable, and beginning with it, the *music* of the chant commences, in strict time (*a tempo*), the upright strokes corresponding to the bars. The Recitation must therefore be considered as *outside* the chant, and may be of any length. The note on which the Recitation is made is called the Reciting-note.

3. If there is no syllable after that which is accented, the accented syllable must be held for one whole bar or measure, † *e.g.*—

The example shows a musical staff in G major (one sharp). The first part, labeled 'Recit.', consists of a single note (F#) on a whole bar line. The second part, labeled 'a tempo.', consists of four measures: 'sing' (quarter note), 'un - to . the' (quarter note), 'Lord :' (quarter note), and a final measure with a whole note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

If other syllables follow the one accented, the first measure or initial bar of the chant will have to be divided into *parts of a semibreve*.

4. The following general rules will help to explain this, the accented syllable being called *the accent*. If one

† The melody of the following chant has been used throughout in the examples:—

The example shows a two-staff musical score in G major. The top staff is the melody, and the bottom staff is the accompaniment. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The name 'Sir JOHN GOSS.' is written above the top staff.

syllable follows the accent, the first bar is divided into a dotted minim and a crotchet, *e.g.*—

Recit. *a tempo.*

In His hand are all the còr - ners | of the | earth :
Recit. *a tempo.*
 The Lórd shall | have them | in de - | -rision :

Sometimes, when only one syllable follows the accent, the first bar is divided into two minims, *e.g.*—

Recit. *a tempo.*

As for oúr God | He is , in | heaven :
Recit. *a tempo.*
 And the flint - stone | in - to , a | spring - ing | well.

5. If two syllables follow the accent, the first bar is generally divided into a minim and two crotchets, *e.g.*—

Recit. *a tempo.*

let us heartily re - jóice in the | strength of | our sal - | -vation.
 or into two crotchets and one minim, *e.g.*—

Recit. *a tempo.*

and shéw our-selves | glad in | Him with | psalms.

6. If three syllables follow the accent, the first bar is generally divided into four equal parts, or their equivalent value, *e.g.*—

Recit. *a tempo.*

Why do the heathen so fú - ri - ous - ly | rage to - | -gether :
Recit. *a tempo.*
 O ye sons of men, how lóng will ye blas - | -pheme mine | honour :

7. In the rare cases in which four syllables follow the accent, the bar will be without difficulty divided into the equivalent of four crotchets, *e.g.*—

Recit. *a tempo.*

The Lord hath chāst-en-ed and cor - | -rect - ed | me.

8. Study and experience will shew that the most natural rendering of the words will, in many instances, call for other divisions of the bar, a few of which are here given, *e.g.*—

Recit. *a tempo.*

O deliver not the soul of thy turtle- }
dove unto the } mūl-ti-tude | of the | enemy:

Recit. *a tempo.*

The snares of death cōm-pass-ed me | round a - | -bout:

Recit. *a tempo.*

Who turned the hard rōck in-to a | stand-ing | water:

Recit. *a tempo.*

Let us come before His pré-sence with | thanks - | -giving:

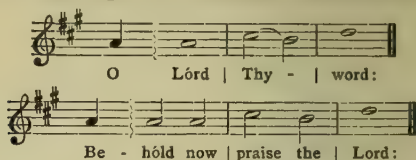
Recit. *a tempo.*

So let the ungodly pé-rish | at the | presence. of | God.

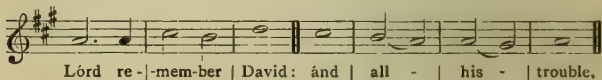
9. All stops in this Psalter must be observed as in good reading; those which experience has proved to be unnecessary or detrimental to chanting have been intentionally omitted by the Editors. An asterisk (*) is a direction to take breath.

10. It is of the utmost importance that no break or pause should occur between the Recitation and Accent. The words should be deliberately recited; but the reciting-note must not be held any longer than is absolutely

necessary for this. Hence in some verses the reciting-note will be only equal to a *very short* musical note, *e.g.*—

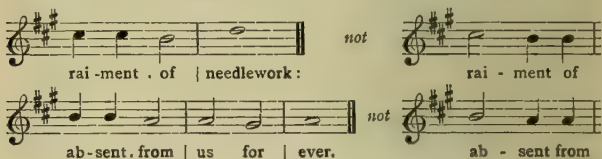


11. When a verse or half-verse commences with an accent, it is evident that there is *no recitation*; the rhythmical music therefore begins at once, *e.g.*—



As the accent holds the position of the first beat of the first bar, it is unnecessary to sing it louder than any of the words recited: its position, musically, will give it quite enough emphasis.

12. A dot is placed between words or syllables belonging to the second bar of the music, when their division would otherwise be doubtful, *e.g.*—



13. Lines placed horizontally shew that the preceding syllable must be continued for the space indicated, *e.g.*—



14. *F.* signifies *Full*, that is, to be sung by both sides of the choir; *f* signifies *forte*, loud; *p*, *piano*, soft; *mf*, *mezzo forte*, moderately loud; *2nd part*, directs the choir to repeat the second half of a double chant at the verse to which it is prefixed.

THE CONFESSION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

commonly called The Creed of St. Athanasius.

QUICUNQUE VULT.

[The Preface.]

Wishes to be
in the way
of salvation. 1 Whosoever *will be* | *saved* : before all things it
is necessary that he hold the C  tholick | Faith.

2 Which Faith except every one do keep whole and
unde- | -fil-ed : without doubt he shall p  rish ever- | -lastingly.

[The Confession of Faith in the Trinity.]

3 And the Catholick F  ith is | this : That WE WORSHIP
one God in Trinity * and Tr  nity in | Unity ;

4 Neither confounding the | Per-sons : nor dividing
the | Substance.

5 For there is one Person of the Father * an  ther of
the | Son : and another of the H  ly | Ghost.

6 But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost * is   ll | one : the Glory equal * the
Majesty c  -e- | -ternal.

7 Such as the Father is * s  ch is the | Son : and such
is the H  ly | Ghost.

8 The Father uncreate * the S  n uncre- | -ate : and
the Holy Gh  st uncre- | -ate.

9 The Father incomprehensible * the S  n incompre- |
hensi-ble : and the Holy Gh  st incompre- | -hensible.

10 The Father eternal * the S  n e- | -ter-nal : and the
Holy Gh  st e- | -ternal.

11 And yet they are not thr  e e- | -ter-nals : but   ne
e- | -ternal.

*This arrangement and the notes are, by the kind permission
of the Bishop of Bristol, borrowed from his form of the Creed
published for use in his Diocese.*

12 As also there are not three incomprehensibles * nor thrée uncre- | -a- ted : but one uncreated * and óne incompre- | -hensible.

13 So likewise the Father is Almighty * the Són Al- | -might- y : and the Holy Ghóst Al- | -mighty.

14 And yet they are not thrée Al- | -might- ies : but óne Al- | -mighty.

15 So the Father is God * the Són is | God : and the Holy Ghóst is | God.

16 And yet they are not thrée | Gods : but óne | God.

17 So likewise the Father is Lord * the Són | Lord : and the Holy Ghóst | Lord.

18 And yet not thrée | Lords : but óne | Lord.

19 For like as we are compelled by the Chrístian | veri- ty : to acknowledge every Person by himself to be Gód and | Lord ;

20 So are we forbidden by the Cátholick Re- | -li- gion : to say, There be three Gods * or thrée | Lords.

21 The Father is máde of | none : neither created nór be- | -gotten.

22 The Son is of the Fáther a- | -lone : not made, nor created * búť be- | -gotten.

23 The Holy Ghost is of the Father and óf the | Son : neither made, nor created, nor begotten * búť pro- | -ceeding.

24 So there is one Father, not three Fathers * one Son, not thrée | Sons : one Holy Ghost, not thrée Holy | Ghosts.

25 And in this Trinity none is afore or áfter | oth- er : none is greater or léss than an- | -other ;

26 But the whole three Persons are co-etérnal to- | geth- er : ánd co- | -equal.

27 So that in all things, ás is a- | -fore- said : the Unity in Trinity * and the Trinity in Unity is to be | worshipped.

[The Transition.]

Wishes to be in the way of salvation. 28 He therefore that *will be* | saved : must thus thínk of the | Trinity.

29 Furthermore, it is necessary to everlásting sal- | -va- tion : that he also believe *rightly* the Faithfully Incarnation of our Lord Jêsus | Christ.

[The Confession of Faith in the Incarnation.]

30 For the right Faith is, that WE BELIÉVE AND CON- | -FESS : that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God * is Gód and | Man ;

31 God, of the Substance of the Father * begotten before the | worlds : and Man, of the Substance of his Mother * bôrn in the | world.

32 Perfect God, and pèrfect | Man : of a reasonable soul and human flêsh sub- | -sisting.

33 Equal to the Father, as tóuching his | God-head : and inferior to the Father, as tóuching his | Manhood.

34 Who although he be Gód and | Man : yet he is not two * but óne | Christ.

35 One ; not by conversion of the Gódhead into | flesh : but by taking of the Mánhood into | God ;

36 One altogether * not by confúson of | substance : but by únity of | Person.

37 For as the reasonable soul and flesh is óne | man : so God and Man is óne | Christ ;

38 Who suffered for óur sal- | -va-tion : descended into hell * rose again the third dáy from the | dead.

39 He ascended into heaven * he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, Gód Al- | -might-y : from whence he shall come to judge the quáck and the | dead.

40 At whose coming all men shall rise agáin with their | bod-ies : and shall give account for their ówn | works.

41 And they that have done good shall go into life ever- | -last-ing : and they that have done evil into ever- | -lásting | fire.

[The Conclusion.]

In the way of 42 This is the Cátholick | Faith : which except
salvation. a man believe faithfully * he cánnnot be | saved.

[The Gloria.]

Glory be to the Father * ánd . to the | Son : and to the Hóly | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is now, and éver | shall be : world without end. * A'- | -men.

NOTES.

It is of great importance that we should distinguish clearly between the parts of the so-called Athanasian Creed which are really Creed, and those parts which are merely the setting of the Creed. The parts which are really Creed are verses 3 ("We worship") to 27, inclusive, and verses 30 ("We believe") to 41, inclusive. The parts which are not Creed are verses 1 and 2, 28 and 29, and 42. The *Gloria* is a suitable addition to the document when used as a Hymn. The distinction between the parts is shewn in the foregoing pages by difference of type.

It will be seen at a glance that the passages which give concern and pain to many in the present day are included among those printed in smaller type, as not forming part of the Confession of our Christian Faith in the Trinity and the Incarnation, that is, as not part of the Creed proper.

There have been many demands for a fresh translation of the "Athanasian Creed." I should not myself desire to alter a word in the Creed proper; but I think it very unfortunate that the parts of the document which are not "Creed" should be left in a form so unsatisfactory to those who know the original Latin, and so misleading to those who do not. There is a general agreement upon the corrections which may fairly be made, except perhaps in the one phrase "be saved," which may mean "be safe of salvation," or may mean "be in the way of salvation."

The following may be suggested as on the whole fairly representing the original, the disputed phrase being printed in italic.

1 If a man wishes to be *in the way of salvation* : his first step is to hold the Catholic Faith.

2 Which Faith unless he has continued to preserve, whole and inviolate : without doubt he shall perish to eternity.

28 Let him, therefore, who wishes to be *in the way of salvation* : thus think of the Trinity.

29 Moreover, it is necessary [for such a man] to eternal salvation : that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

42 This is the Catholic Faith, which unless each [such man] shall have continued to believe faithfully and firmly : he cannot be *in the way of salvation*.

The Preface sets before us very clearly the purpose with which the document was drawn up, and the limitations under which it is to be used and applied. It places before us a Christian man who is anxious about the state of his soul before God, and desires to feel as safe of eternal salvation as any one can feel till the day of judgment is passed. Such a man, it tells us, must proceed under the Covenant made by God with His people through His Son ; and his first step must be to hold, as the basis of the covenant, the true belief in the Deity and the Incarnation. What the un-covenanted mercy of God may do for men who in their ignorance do not seek this way of safety, is not discussed in this document. It fixes its attention upon the man who does in the first instance seek the covenanted way. But we cannot go so far as to deny that the theologians who drew it up probably believed that all outside the Catholic Faith must perish everlastingly. Such belief was common in those early days, perhaps as much as fourteen hundred years ago ; and there are those who hold it even now. The true belief is practically dominant in our days, that we have no revelation of the dealing of the Almighty with those who do not know of the salvation wrought by the Son, and that we can hopefully leave them to the loving mercy of Him who created them.

· In considering the “damnatory” clauses, verses 1 and 2, 28 and 29, and 42, we must not forget that down to the end of the middle ages it was the practice to condemn to eternal destruction those who departed from the Catholic Faith. This is shewn in a remarkable way by many of the resolutions of the Council of Trent, when the Roman Church was driven to some measure of reform by the universal condemnation of its iniquities. These resolutions, instead of being positive, are negative, with a curse attached, “Whosoever denies so-and-so, let him be anathema.” It is a relief to some minds to know that these parts of the setting of the Creed are in the ordinary spirit of a bygone age, to which we may refuse to accord our sympathy. The same may be said of some parts of the Psalms of David.

Having stated what the first step of the man wishful for safety must be, the Preface warns him in language of terrible gravity of the danger of departing from the way on which he has entered. Better have been completely ignorant, and under the un-covenanted mercy of God, than, having taken this step and accepted the Faith, fall away and deny the Faith. He must keep to it just as he accepted it; not a part of it here and there, but all of it; inviolate, unbroken. Else, he loses his covenanted safety. We read "For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance" (Heb. vi. 4-6). "For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them" (2 Pet. ii. 21). We cannot but shrink from such terrible sayings; but it is not for us to pick and choose among the declarations of Scripture, and form for ourselves a sphere of belief from which the darker aspects are carefully excluded.

There is a difficulty of a different kind which is felt by many thoughtful persons now. Some of the verses of the Creed proper have almost no meaning to minds which have not studied the history of the early attempts to teach false doctrine. Such minds shrink from the recitation of statements which they cannot understand, especially when condemnation of those who dissent from such statements is or appears to be a part of the declaration which they make. It is useful to bear in mind that while we are instructed to say "We worship," "We believe and confess," we are not taught to say "We understand," "We comprehend." The same is true of the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, where, as here, a man may fairly say he does not understand. The person who is not versed in the controversies of the earliest Christian centuries, before the various difficult questions had been worked out by master minds, may without hesitation take the difficult Creed here set forth as a correct statement of the questions themselves and of the decisions arrived at upon them. Further, it is useful to bear in mind that one main point of this Creed is to declare that those who

recite it do not hold the abstruse and difficult errors of the early heretics. That negative declaration most men can very safely make.

In conclusion, it must not be forgotten that while the document declares the first step necessary to be true belief, the closing words of its Creed declare the absolute necessity of rightness of life,—“they that have done evil into everlasting fire.” Rightness of belief, avoidance of false belief; rightness of life, avoidance of evil life; those are the demands which this document makes; and who shall dare to say that in making these demands it does not set forth the mind of Christ? Neither the Creed called the Apostles’ Creed, nor the Creed called the Nicene Creed, sets forth this two-fold demand as does the document called the Athanasian Creed.

It may be suggested that choirs and congregations might mark the difference between the several parts of the document in various ways, as by a difference of chant, or by monotoning the parts in small print and intoning the Creed, or by the clergy reciting the parts in small print and the congregation joining in the recitation of the Creed proper.

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PALACE, BRISTOL,

4 December, 1903.

THE CANTICLES AND HYMNS.

At Morning Prayer.

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.

PSALM xcv.

The Motives and Responsibilities of Worship.

Occasion.—*Probably composed for the Dedication of the second Temple which awakened the memories and warnings bound up with the erection of the Tabernacle.*

Application.—*The Church has always used it as a prelude or invitation to worship, as it strikes the right keynote—humility and seriousness.*

Use.—*From the earliest times as an invitation to worship, e.g., St. Athanasius writes : “ Before the beginning of their prayers the Christians invite and exhort one another in the words of this Psalm.”*

The invitation to worship heartily and gratefully.

O COME, let us sing | unto . the | Lord : let us heartily
rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | -vation.

2 Let us come before his présence with | thanks- |
giving : and shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.

Nature proclaims God's greatness.

3 For the Lórd is a | great | God : and a gréat | King
a- | -bove all | gods.

4 In his hand are all the córners | of the | earth : and
the stréngth of the | hills is | his | also.

5 The sêa is his | and he | made it : and his hánds
pre- | -pared . the | dry | land.

And man his love.

6 O come, let us wórship and | fall | down : and knéel
be- | -fore the | Lord our | Maker.

7 For hé is the | Lord our | God : and we are the
people of his pasture * ánd the | sheep of | his | hand.

The warning against light behaviour.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice * hárden | not your | hearts : as in the provocation * and as in the dáy of tempt- | ation | in-the | wilderness ;

9 When your fâthers | tempted | me : próved | me and | saw my | works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with thís gener- | ation and | said : It is a people that do err in their hearts * fôr they | have not | known my | ways ;

11 Unto whom I swáre | in my | wrath : that they shóuld not | enter | into . my | rest.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : ánd | to the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall be : wórld without | end. | A- | -men.

ANTHEMS.

Christ is risen.

Occasion.—*The second and third passages from the Bible have been used from very early English times on Easter Day. In 1552 they were ordered to be sung instead of the "Venite," and in 1662 a third Anthem, the first of the three, prefixed to it.*

Use.—*On Easter Day instead of the "Venite."*

How the Festival is to be kept.

CHRIST our passover is sâcri- | -ficed . for | us : thére- fore | let us | keep the | feast.

2 Not with the old leaven * nor with the léaven of | malice . and | wickedness : but with the unleavened bréad of sin- | -ceri- | -ty and | truth. 1 Cor. v. 7.

Its present meaning to ourselves.

3 CHRIST being raised from the déad | dieth . no | more : death hath no móre do- | -minion | over | him.

4 For in that he died * he díed unto | sin | once : but in that he líveth he | liveth | unto | God.

5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be déad indeed | unto | sin : but alive unto Gód through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord. Rom. vi. 9.

Its future significance to the world.

6 CHRIST is risen | from the | dead : and become the
first- | -fruits of | them that | slept.

7 For since by | man came | death : by man came
also the résur- | -rection | of the | dead.

8 For as in A'dam | all | die : even so in Christ shall |
all be | made a- | -live. I Cor. xv. 20.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : and | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is now and | ever | shall
be : world without | end. | A- | -men.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

Praise of the Glorious Trinity.

Occasion.—*Unknown. The beautiful story of its inspired composition by St. Augustine and St. Ambrose at the former's baptism by the latter has not much authority.*

Use.—*In the fifth century it was ordered to be sung every Sunday at Mattins.*

In 1549 ordered to be sung daily except in Lent.

In 1552 daily throughout the year, except when the "Benedicite" is said.

I. Praise of the Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity by Angels,

WE praise | thee O | God : we acknowlege | thee to |
be the | Lord.

2 All the éarth doth | worship | thee : thé | Father |
ever- | -lasting.

3 To thee all A'ngels | cry a- | -loud : the Héavens,
and | all the | Powers there- | -in.

4 To thee Chérubin and | Seraph- | -in : cón- |
tinual- | -ly do | cry,

5 Hóly | Holy | Holy : Lórd | God of | Saba- | -oth ;

6 Heaven and earth are fúll of the | Majes- | -ty : óf |
thy | Glo- | -ry.

By Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs,

7 The glorious cômpany | of . the A- | -postles : práise |
— | — | thee.

8 The goodly féllowship | of the | Prophets : práise |
— | — | thee.

9 The nóble | army . of | Martyrs : práise | — | — |
thee.

By the world-wide Church.

10 The holy Chûrch throughout | all the | world : dôth
ac- | -know- | -ledge | thee ;

11 Thé | Fa- | -ther : óf an | infinite | Majes- | -ty ;

12 Thine hónour- | -able | true : ánd | on- | — -ly |
Son ;

13 A'lso the | Holy | Ghost : thé | Com- | -fort- | -er.

II. Praise of Christ as Incarnate Redeemer, Intercessor, and Judge.

14 Thóu art the | King of | Glory : O' | — | — | Christ.

15 Thou art the éver- | -lasting | Son : óf | — the |
Fa- | -ther.

16 When thou tookest upón thee to de- | -liver | man :
thou dídst not ab- | -hor the | Virgin's | womb.

17 When thou hadst overcôme the | sharpness . of |
death : thou dídst open the Kíngdom of | Heaven to | all
be- | -lievers.

18 Thou sittest at the ríght | hand of | God : ín the |
Glory | of the | Father.

19 We belíeve that | thou shalt | come : tó | be | our |
Judge.

III. Prayer for His Help.

20 We therefore pray thee | help thy | servants : whom
thou hast redéemed | with thy | precious | blood.

21 Make them to be númered | with thy | Saints : ín |
glory | ever- | -lasting.

22 O Lórd | save thy | people : ánd | bless thine |
herit- | -age.

23 Góv- | — -ern | them : ánd | lift them | up for |
ever.

24 Dãy | by | day : wê | magni- | -fy | thee ;

25 A'nd we | worship . thy | Name : éver | world with- |
out | end.

26 Vóuch- | -safe O | Lord : to kêep us this | day with- |
out | sin.

27 O Lórd have | mercy . up- | -on us : háve | mer- | -cy
up- | -on us.

28 O Lord let thy mércy | lighten . up- | -on us : ás our |
trust | is in | thee.

29 O Lord in thée | have I | trusted : lét me | never |
be con- | -founded.

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA.

Nature's Hymn of Praise.

Occasion.—According to old tradition it was sung by the Three Children of Israel when cast into the fire. As an expansion of Psalm cxlviii. it was probably well known to the religious Babylonian captives, and may well have been their answer to the idolatrous command of the King. Their God was the Object of universal praise ; how, then, could they transfer any part of His glory to wood or stone? All the powers of heaven and earth were His servants ; why should they, then, fear fire or heat.

Application.—The address to unconscious elements as though they had intelligence presents a difficulty to many minds. Some explanation may be found in the words, " And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire," i.e., God directs the unconscious elements by personal agents, angels, who in this hymn are urged to make all these forces, whether of earth or heaven, to minister to the glory of God. Behind the poetry there is a strong basis of fact.

Use.—In 1549 it was directed to be used instead of the " Te Deum " during Lent. As it is less penitential in character, it is difficult to assign a reason for this. Possibly as Nature's Hymn it was thought suitable for the spring of the year. Its use is now left to the discretion of the Minister. On such days as Septuagesima and January 2nd, when the subject of the First Lesson is Creation, and September 15th, when the Story of the Three Children is read, it has a marked significance. It would be suitable for Harvest Festivals.

All Creation invited to praise God :

O ALL ye Works of the Lórd | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.*

I. The Mighty Spirits, Principalities and Authorities, Thrones and
Dominions that fulfil unknown services :

2 O ye Angels of the Lórd | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

3 O ye Héavens | bless . ye the | Lord : práise him,
and | magnify | him for | ever.

II. The Angels that have power over the physical forces and phenomena
of the Universe :

4 O ye Waters that be above the Firmament | bless .
ye the | Lord : práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

5 O all ye Powers of the Lórd | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

6 O ye Sun and Móon | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

7 O ye Stars of Héaven | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

8 O ye Showers and Dêw | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

9 O ye Winds of Góð | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

10 O ye Fire and Héat | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

11 O ye Winter and Súmmer | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

12 O ye Dews and Frósts | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

13 O ye Frost and Cóld | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

14 O ye Ice and Snów | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

15 O ye Nights and Dáys | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

16 O ye Light and Dárkness | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

* The second part of each verse to be sung *full*.

17 O ye Lightnings and Clóuds | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

III. The Angels that have power over the earth and its manifold creatures,

18 O let the Eárrh | bless the | Lord : yea, let it práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

19 O ye Mountains and Hills | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

20 O all ye Green Things upon the Eárrh | bless . ye the |
Lord : práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

21 O ye Wélls | bless . ye the | Lord : práise him, and |
magnify | him for | ever.

22 O ye Seas and Flóods | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

23 O ye Whales, and all that move in the Wáters |
bless . ye the | Lord : práise him, and | magnify | him for |
ever.

24 O all ye Fowls of the Aír | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

25 O all ye Beasts and Cátte | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

IV. And all Men, the Church, the Clergy, the Laity, the Departed,
and the Lowly.

26 O ye Children of Mên | bless . ye the | Lord : práise
him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

27 O let I'srael | bless the | Lord : práise him, and |
magnify | him for | ever.

28 O ye Priests of the Lórd | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

29 O ye Servants of the Lórd | bless . ye the | Lord :
práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

30 O ye Spirits and Souls of the Ríghteous | bless .
ye the | Lord : práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

31 O ye holy and humble Men of héart | bless . ye the |
Lord : práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

32 O Ananias, Azarias, and Mísaél | bless . ye the |
Lord : práise him, and | magnify | him for | ever.

Glory be to the Fáther, | and . to the | Son : ánd | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall
be : wórld without | end. | A- | -men.

BENEDICTUS.

S. LUKE i. 68.

The Praise of Him Who is faithful to His Promises.

Occasion.—*For nearly a year the astonishing words of the Angel about the son he was to have and his work in preparing the way of the Messiah were turned over and over in the mind of the dumb priest. Confirmed by Elizabeth—and the birth of the Baptist—they became charged with more and more meaning, and when at last he has speech and spiritual power to express his thoughts they took form in two main divisions: (1) The joy that the fulfilment of God's word in the Messiah will bring; (2) The work the new Elijah must do.*

Application.—*To the Church the event Zacharias looked forward to lies in the past. She uses his hymn as expressing her joy in the fulfilment of God's word and her desire to prepare the way of the Lord.*

Use.—*Has been sung in the daily morning worship of the Church for over a thousand years. Specially suited to follow the Second Lesson, for it tells us how the Christ of Whom we read there was promised in the far distant ages. In 1549 appointed to be used after the Second Lesson throughout the year. In 1552 the Jubilate was added as an alternative for those days in the year when the "Benedictus" is read as a Lesson, i.e., on March 25th.*

Praise for salvation in Christ according to God's promise.

BLESSED be the Lórd | God of | Israel : for he hath
visited | and re- | -deemed . his | people ;

2 And hath raised up a mighty sal- | -vation | for us : in
the hóuse | of his | servant | David ;

3 As he spake by the móuth of his | holy | Prophets :
which have béen | since the | world be- | -gan ;

4 That we should be sáved | from our | enemies : and
fróm the | hands of | all that | hate us ;

5 To perform the mercy prómised | to our | forefathers :
ánd to re- | -member . his | holy | Covenant ;

6 To perform the oath which he swáre to our | fore-
father | Abraham : thát | he would | give | us ;

7 That we being delivered out of the hánd | of our |
enemies : might sêrve | him with- | -out | fear ;

8 In holiness and righteous- | -ness be- | -fore him : áll
the | days | of our | life.

Exhortation to the ministry to be diligent in preparing His way.

9 And thou Child shalt be called the Prôphet | of the |
Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lórd |
to pre- | -pare his | ways ;

10 To give knowledge of salvátion | unto . his | people :
fôr the re- | -mission | of their | sins,

11 Through the tender mércy | of our | God : whereby
the day-spring frôm on | high hath | visited | us ;

12 To give light to them that sit in darkness * and in
the | shadow . of | death : and to guide our fêet | into .
the | way of | peace.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : ánd | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall be :
wôrld without | end. | A- | -men.

JUBILATE DEO.

PSALM C.

The King's care for His People.

Occasion.—*The inspired poet sees in the new Temple and its
glorious worship an invitation to all men to join them, and
bear grateful testimony to God's love.*

Application.—*A Missionary Appeal to all the heathen to share
the blessings of the Christian Church.*

Use.—*When the "Benedictus" occurs in some other part of the
Service and at Missionary Services.*

All men urged to praise God for His universal love.

O BE joyful in the Lórd | all ye | lands : serve the Lord
with gladness * and come before his | presence |
with a | song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lórd | he is | God : it is he that
hath made us and not we ourselves * we are his people,
ánd the | sheep of | his | pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving *
and into his | courts with | praise : be thankful unto him,
and | speak good | of his | Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious * his mércy is | ever- |
lasting : and his truth endureth from géner- | -ation . to |
gener- | -ation.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : ánd | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall be :
wórlð without | end. | A- | -men.

At Evening Prayer.

MAGNIFICAT.

S. LUKE i. 46.

Praise of the Incarnation.

Occasion.—*St. Mary's hymn of thanksgiving when she heard Elizabeth's greeting, some time before the birth of the Saviour.*

Application.—"Throughout this hymn we are to hear the voice, not merely of the Virgin Mary celebrating her praises of Him Who had magnified her but of the whole Church of which she was a type giving thanks for the mystery of the Incarnation and the blessings of the Gospel."

Use.—*After the First Lesson of Evensong as a thanksgiving for the fulfilment of the types and prophecies expressed therein.*

Adoration of God for His unspeakable condescension in the Incarnation.

MY soul doth mágni- | -fy the | Lord : and my spirit
háth re- | -joiced . in | God my | Saviour.

2 Fór he | hath re- | -garded : the lówliness | of his |
hand- | -maiden.

3 Fór be- | -hold from | henceforth : áll gener- | -ations .
shall | call me | blessed.

The Majesty, Holiness, and Love therein displayed,

4 For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me : ánd |
holy | is his | Name.

5 And his mércy is on | them that | fear him : through-
ôut | all | gener- | -ations.

Its wondrous effects : The proud and mighty overthrown, the humble
and hungry blessed,

6 He hath shewed stréngth | with his | arm : he hath
scattered the proud in the imágin- | -ation | of their | hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat : and
hâth ex- | -alted . the | humble . and | meek.

8 He hath filled the húngry with | good | things : and the
rích he hath | sent | empty . a- | -way.

And all in accord with His Promise.

9 He remembering his mercy hath hólpen his | servant |
Israel : as he promised to our forefathers * A'braham | and
his | seed for | ever.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : ând | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall be :
wórlđ without | end. | A- | -men.

CANTATE DOMINO.

PSALM xcviíi.

The King's Victory and its consequences.

Occasion.—*A Restoration Psalm celebrating the glorious redemption of Israel from the bondage of the Exile.*

Application.—*The Church celebrates the Redemption of the world by the Cross.*

Use.—*As an alternative canticle, except on the 19th of the month, when it occurs in the ordinary course of the Psalter. Suitable during Advent.*

The new song of Redemption.

O SING unto the Lórd a | new | song : for hé hath |
done | marvellous | things.

2 With his own right hand * and with his | holy |
arm : háth he | gotten . him- | -self the | victory.

For Christ's Victory upon the Cross.

3 The Lord decláred | his sal- | -vation : his righteous-
ness hath he openly shéwed in the | sight | of the | heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth, tóward
the | house of | Israel : and all the ends of the world have
séen the sal- | -vation | of our | God.

In this the whole world is concerned and should therefore rejoice.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lórd | all ye |
lands : sing, re- | -joice and | give | thanks.

6 Praise the Lórd up- | -on the | harp : sing to the
hárp with a | psalm of | thanks- | -giving.

7 With trûmpets | also and | shawms : O shew your-
selves jôyful be- | -fore the | Lord the | King.

Nature too rejoices at the thought of deliverance through her King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, * and âll that | therein | is :
the round wôrld, and | they that | dwell there- | -in.

9 Let the floods clap their hands * and let the hills be
joyful togêther be- | -fore the | Lord : fôr he | cometh . to |
judge the | earth.

10 With righteousness shâll he | judge the | world : ând
the | people | with | equity.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : ând | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall be :
wôrld without | end. | A- | -men.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

S. LUKE ii. 29.

Rest in Christ.

Occasion.—*The song of the righteous and devout Simeon, when he
blessed God for the wonderful joy given him in seeing the
Infant Christ.*

Application.—*In the Gospel of the Second Lesson Christ gives
the same peace that He gave the aged Simeon.*

Use.—*After the Second Lesson.*

Perfect rest in the realization of Christ.

LORD, now lettest thou thy sêrvant de- | -part in |
peace : âc- | -cording | to thy | word.

2 Fôr mine | eyes have | seen : thý | — sal- | -va- | -tion,

3 Which thou | hast pre- | -pared : befôre the | face
of | all | people ;

The Light of the world and the Shechinah of Israel.

4 To be a light to | lighten . the | Gentiles : and to be
the glôry | of thy | people | Israel.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : ând | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall be :
wôrld without | end. | A- | -men.

DEUS MISEREATUR.

PSALM lxvii.

National Blessings and Missionary Progress.

Occasion.—*Possibly a Post-Captivity expansion of the old priestly blessing.*

Application.—*The Church, realizing that God's blessing on the Nation depends on her missionary zeal, prays for illumination.*

Use.—*As an alternative Psalm, except on the 12th of the month, when it occurs in the ordinary course of the Psalter. At Missionary Services its use instead of the "Nunc Dimittis" might be justified.*

For light, that the heathen may be converted.

GOD be merciful unto | us and | bless us : and shew us
the light of his countenance * and be | merciful |
unto | us ;

2 That thy way may be known up- | -on | earth : thy
saving | health a- | -mong all | nations.

3 Let the people praise | thee O | God : yeâ let | all the |
people | praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice | and be | glad : for thou
shalt judge the folk righteously * and govern the | nations .
up- | -on | earth.

National prosperity depends on Missionary progress.

5 Let the people praise | thee O | God : yeâ, let | all the |
people | praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring | forth her | increase :
and God, even our own Gód, shall | give | us his | blessing.

7 Gód | shall | bless us : and all the ends of the | world
shall | fear | him.

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : and | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is now, and | ever | shall be :
world without | end. | A- | -men.

THE PSALMS OF DAVID.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM I. *Beatus vir, qui non abiit.*

The Blessings of Saintliness.

Occasion.—Possibly written by Solomon as an introduction to David's Poems. It strikes the keynote to the Psalter.

Application.—Falling as it does on the Feast of the Circumcision, and All Saints' Day, we naturally think of Christ and His army of Saints and of the discipline by which holiness is perfected.

Use.—For the Commemoration of Saints.

The Character, habit and success of the righteous.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly * nor stood in the | way of | sinners : and hath not sâd in the | seat | of the | scornful.

2 But his delight is in the lâw | of the | Lord : and in his law will he exercise him- | -self | day and | night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted bŷ the | water | side : that will bring fôrth his | fruit in | due | season.

4 His léaf also | shall not | wither : and look, whatsoever he | doeth | it shall | prosper.

The restless and unstable condition of the wicked.

5 As for the ungodly, it is nôd | so with | them : but they are like the chaff * which the wind scattereth awây from the | face | of the | earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stând | in the | judgement : neither the sinners in the cõgre- | gation | of the | righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the wâý | of the | righteous : and the wâý of the un- | -godly | shall | perish.

PSALM II. *Quare fremuerunt gentes ?***The Supremacy of the Risen Christ.**

Occasion.—*Written to celebrate the expectations of dominion that were formed when Solomon ascended the throne.*

Application.—*To the Resurrection of Christ and the world-wide Government obtained thereby (Acts iv. 25-29).*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day.*

The Folly of the world's rebellion against Christ's rule.

WHY do the heathen so furiously | rage to- | -gether :
and why do the péople im- | -agine . a | vain |
thing ?

2 The kings of the earth stand up * and the rúlers
take | counsel . to- | -gether : against the Lórd and
a- | -gainst | his A- | -nointed.

3 Let us bréak their | bonds a- | -sunder : and cást
a- | -way their | cords | from us.

The Divine answer.

4 He that dwelleth in héaven shall | laugh them . to |
scorn : the Lórd shall | have them | in de- | -rision.

5 Then shall he speak unto thém | in his | wrath : and
vêx them | in his | sore dis- | -pleasure.

6 Yêt have I | set my | King : upôn my | holy | hill of |
Sion.

Easter Day the proclamation of the Divine Sonship and Kingship.

7 I will preach the law * whereof the Lord hath sáid |
unto | me : Thou art my Son * this dáy have | I be- |
gotten | thee.

8 Desire of me * and I shall give thee the héathen for |
thine in- | -heritance : and the utmost párts of the | earth
for | thy pos- | -session.

9 Thou shalt brúise them with a | rod of | iron : and
break them in piéces | like a | potter's | vessel.

The warning to the world.

10 Be wise now thêrefore | O ye | kings : be learned,
yê that are | judges | of the | earth.

11 Sêrve the | Lord in | fear : and rejoyce | unto | him
with | reverence.

12 Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and so ye pèrish from
the | right | way : if his wrath be kindled (yea but a little),
* blessed are all thêy that | put their | trust in | him.

PSALM III. *Domine, quid multiplicati !*

The Confidence the Resurrection inspires.

Occasion.—*When David fled from Absalom. After a night of unexpected safety.*

Application.—*To the Church on the morning of Easter Day, facing an angry world, but confident in the Resurrection.*

Use.—*For the Church when in danger.*

The weakness of the infant Church.

LORD, how are they incréased that | trouble | me :
mâny are | they that | rise a- | -gainst me.

2 Many one there be that sây | of my | soul : There is
no hêlp | for him | in his | God.

The appeal to God.

3 But thou, O Lórd, art | my de- | -fender : thou art my
worship * and the lifter | up of | my | head.

4 I did call upon the Lórd | with my | voice : and he
héard me | out of . his | holy | hill.

Confidence in the Resurrection.

5 I laid me down and slept * and rôse | up a- | -gain :
fôr the | Lord sus- | -tained | me.

6 I will not be afraid for ten thóusands | of the |
people : that have set themsêlves a- | -gainst me | round
a- | -bout.

Prayer for judgement.

7 Up, Lord, and hêlp me | O my | God : for thou
smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone * thou hast
bróken the | teeth of | the un- | -godly.

8 Salvation belóngeth | unto . the | Lord : and thy
bléssing | is up- | -on thy | people.

PSALM IV. *Cum invocarem.***The Church's joy confronting the World's Hostility.**

Occasion.—*During Absalom's rebellion. David's gladness when his army had been refreshed by the hospitality of his friends.*

Application.—*Joy of the Church when, in spite of prevailing unbelief, she sees the ministrations of grace multiplied.*

Use.—*At Compline or a late Evening Service.*

On the ground of the Resurrection, the Church appeals for help.

HEAR me when I call, O Góð | of my | righteousness :
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble *
have mercy upon mé, and | hearken | unto · my | prayer.

Warning to the world to remember her high calling.

2 O ye sons of men * how lóng will ye blas- | -pHEME
mine | honour : and have such pleasure in vânyty and |
seek | after | leasing ?

3 Know this also * that the Lord hath chosen to himself
the mân | that is | godly : when I cáll upon the | Lord | he
will | hear me.

4 Stând in | awe and | sin not : commune with your
own heart * and in your | chamber | and be | still.

5 Offer the sâcri- | -fice of | righteousness : and pût
your | trust | in the | Lord.

Joy in the increase of the ministrations of grace.

6 Thêre be | many · that | say : Whó will | shew us |
any | good ?

7 Lórd | lift thou | up : the líght of thy | counte- |
nance up- | -on us.

8 Thou hast put gládnness | in my | heart : since the
time that their cōrn and | wine and | oil in- | -creased.

9 I will lay me down in péace, and | take my | rest : for
it is thou, Lord, ónly that | makest · me | dwell in | safety.

PSALM V. *Verba mea auribus.***Prayer, the best weapon against Social
Unrighteousness.**

Occasion.—*Possibly David's Prayer on the outbreak of Absalom's rebellion.*

Application.—*The Church, feeling the pressure of social difficulties, prays for guidance.*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

The Appeal to be heard

PÓNDER my | words O | Lord : cón- | -sider . my |
medi- | -tation.

2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling * my
Kíng | and my | God : for unto thée | will I | make my |
prayer.

3 My voice shalt thou héar be- | -times O | Lord :
early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thée |
and will | look | up.

on the ground of God's righteousness and mercy.

4 For thou art the God that hást no | pleasure . in |
wickedness : neither shall ány | evil | dwell with | thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall not stánd | in thy | sight : for
thou hátest all | them that | work | vanity.

6 Thou shalt destróy them that | speak | leasing : the
Lord will abhor both the blóodthirsty | and de- | -ceitful |
man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thine house * even
upon the múltitude | of thy | mercy : and in thy fear will I
wórship | toward . thy | holy | temple.

Prayer for guidance, judgement, and success.

8 Lead me O Lord in thy righteousness * becáuse | of
mine | enemies : make thy wáy | plain be- | -fore my | face.

9 For there is no fáithfulness | in his | mouth : their
ínward | parts are | very | wickedness.

10 Their throát is an | open | sepulchre : théy | flatter |
with their | tongue.

11 Destroy thou them O God * let them perish through
their ówn im- | -agin- | -ations : cast them out in the
multitude of their ungodliness * fôr they | have re- | -belled .
a- | -gainst thee.

12 And let all them that put their trúst in | thee re- |
joice : they shall ever be giving of thanks because thou
defendest them * they that love thy Náme | shall be |
joyful . in | thee.

13 For thou, Lord, wilt give thy bléssing | unto . the |
righteous : and with thy favourable kindness wilt thóu
de- | -fend him | as . with a | shield.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM VI. *Domine, ne in furore.*

The ultimate punishment of sin, averted by Prayer.

Occasion.—*David in grief over the sin that caused Absalom's rebellion.*

Application.—*The Church in grief over the sin that occasions the world's hostility.*

Use.—*First of the Penitential Psalms. To be used on Ash Wednesday.*

Prayer for Mercy and Healing.

O LORD rebuke me nôt in thine | indig- | -nation :
neither châsten | me in | thy dis- | -pleasure.

2 Have mercy upon me O Lórd, for | I am | weak :
O Lord héal me | for my | bones are | vexed.

3 My soul âlso is | sore | troubled : but Lord, how lóng |
wilt thou | punish | me ?

Death imminent and Beauty gone.

4 Turn thee O Lórd and de- | -liver · my | soul : O sâve
me | for thy | mercy's | sake.

5 For in death nó man re- | -membereth | thee : and
who will gíve thee | thanks | in the | pit ?

6 I am weary of my groaning * every night wâsh |
I my | bed : and wâter my | couch | with my | tears.

7 My beauty is góne for | very | trouble : and worn
âway be- | -cause of | all mine | enemies.

The assurance that God has heard.

8 Away from me, all yé that | work | vanity : for the
Lord hath héard the | voice | of my | weeping.

9 The Lord hath héard | my pe- | -tition : the Lórd |
will re- | -ceive my | prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confóunded and | sore |
vexed : they shall be turned bâck, and | put to | shame |
suddenly.

PSALM VII. *Domine, Deus meus.***God, the Vindicator of the Righteous.**

Occasion.—*A poem of David when he was slandered to Saul by a Benjamite named Cush.*

Application.—*To the Church when misinterpreted by slanders or persecuted by false witnesses.*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

Cry for help from slander

O LORD my God, in thee have I | put my | trust :
save me from all them that persecute me | and de- |
liver | me ;

2 Lest he devour my soul like a lion and | tear it . in |
pieces : while | there is | none to | help.

on the ground of innocence.

3 O Lord my God * if I have done | any . such | thing :
or if there be any | wickedness | in my | hands ;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt |
friendly . with | me : yea, I have delivered him that
without any | cause | is mine | enemy ;

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my | soul and | take
me : yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth *
and lay mine | honour | in the | dust.

May God give a manifest judgement that others may see and fear.

6 Stand up O Lord in thy wrath, and lift up thyself *
because of the indignation | of mine | enemies : arise up
for me in the judgement | that thou | hast com- | -manded.

7 And so shall the congregation of the people |
come a- | -bout thee : for their sakes therefore, lift |
up thy- | -self a- | -gain.

8 The Lord shall judge the people * give sentence
with | me O | Lord : according to my righteousness * and
according to the innocency | that is | in | me.

9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly | come . to an |
end : but | guide | thou the | just.

10 For the | righteous | God : trieth the | very | hearts
and | reins.

Faith in the certainty of God's judgement

11 My hêlp | cometh . of | God : who preserveth thém | that are | true of | heart.

12 God is a righteous JUDGE | strong and | patient : and GÓD is pro- | -voked | every | day.

13 If a man will not túrn he will | whet his | sword : he hath bént his | bow and | made it | ready.

14 He hath prepared for him the ínstru- | -ments of | death : he ordaineth his árrows a- | -gainst the | perse- | cutors.

which is bound up with the sin of the wicked.

15 Behold he trávail- | -eth with | mischief : he hath conceived sórrów and | brought | forth un- | -godliness.

16 He hath graven and dígged | up a | pit : and is fallen himself into the destrúction | that he | made for | other.

17 For his travail shall come upón his | own | head : and his wickedness shall fáll | on his | own | pate.

18 I will give thanks unto the Lord accórding | to his | righteousness : and I will praise the Náme | of the | Lord most | High.

PSALM VIII. *Domine, Dominus noster.*

Humanity in Christ crowned with glory and worship.

Occasion.—Possibly by David when watching his flocks on the fields of Bethlehem. Man's dignity the true marvel of the Universe.

Application.—By the Church to the Ascended Christ in Whom alone the Prophecy of Humanity is realized.

Use.—Proper Psalm for Ascension Day.

The future glory of man seen in the Incarnate and Ascended Christ.

O LORD our Governour * how excellent is thy Náme in | all the | world : thou that hast sêt thy | glory . a- | -bove the | heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength * becaúse | of thine | enemies : that thou mightest still the | enemy | and . the a- | -venger.

This, in spite of seeming insignificance, is his destiny.

3 For I will consider thy heavens * even the works | of thy | fingers : the moon and the stars | which thou | hast or- | -dained.

4 What is man, that thou art | mindful . of | him : and the son of man | that thou | visitest | him ?

5 Thou madest him lower | than the | angels : to crown | him with | glory . and | worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works | of thy | hands : and thou hast put all things in sub- | -jection | under . his | feet ;

7 All | sheep and | oxen : yea and the | beasts | of the | field ;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes | of the | sea : and whatsoever walketh through the | paths | of the | seas.

Praise for the Revelation.

9 O | Lord our | Governour : how excellent is thy | Name in | all the | world !

Morning Prayer.

PSALM IX. *Confitebor tibi.*

Thanksgiving for the Triumphs of the Cross.

Occasion.—*Probably a poem celebrating David's victories over heathenism.*

Application.—*To the Church's victories in heathen lands.*

Use.—*For Foreign Missions.*

Thanksgiving for Missionary success.

I WILL give thanks unto thee O Lord, with my | whole | heart : I will speak of | all thy | marvellous | works.

2 I will be glad and re- | -joice in | thee : yea, my songs will I make of thy | Name O | thou most | Highest.

3 While mine enemies are | driven | back : they shall fall and | perish | at thy | presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right | and my | cause : thou art set in the | throne that | judgest | right.

The ruins scattered throughout the world attest the end of Satan's power.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen * and destróyed | the un- | -godly : thou hast put out their | name for | ever . and | ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a per- | petual | end : even as the cities which thou hast destroyed * their me- | -morial . is | perished | with them.

God will judge and man will trust in Him.

7 But the Lórd shall en- | -dure for | ever : he hath also pre- | -pared . his | seat for | judgement.

8 For he shall júdge the | world in | righteousness : and minister true | judgement | unto . the | people.

9 The Lord also will be a defence | for . the op- | pressed : even a refuge in | due | time of | trouble.

10 And they that know thy Name will put their | trust in | thee : for thou, Lord, hast never | failed | them that | seek thee.

Praise, and Prayer for further success.

11 O praise the Lórd which | dwelleth . in | Sion : shew the | people | of his | doings.

12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he re- | membereth | them : and forgetteth not the com- | -plaint | of the | poor.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord * consider the trouble which I suffer of | them that | hate me : thou that liftest me up | from the | gates of | death.

14 That I may shew all thy praises within the ports of the | daughter . of | Sion : I will re- | -joice in | thy sal- | -vation.

Assurance of ultimate triumph.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit | that they | made : in the same net which they hid privily | is their | foot | taken.

16 The Lord is known to | execute | judgement : the ungodly is trapped in the work | of his | own | hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned | into | hell¹ : and all the people | that for- | -get | God.

¹ Hell means here the unseen world.

18 For the poor shall not álway | be for- | -gotten : the patient abiding of the méek | shall not | perish . for | ever.

Final Prayer.

19 Up, Lord, and let not mán have the | upper | hand : let the héathen be | judged | in thy | sight.

20 Pút them in | fear O | Lord : that the heathen may knów them- | -selves to | be but | men.

PSALM X. *Ut quid, Domine?*

Social oppressors and the reigning Christ.

Occasion.—*David's complaint of the serious domestic troubles that disquieted his kingdom.*

Application.—*The Church's cry for some divine remedy against the social evils of intemperance, overcrowding, immorality, &c., which desolate the homes of her people.*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

The Church's Complaint.

WHY standest thou so fâr | off, O | Lord : and hidest thy fáce in the | needful | time of | trouble ?

2 The ungodly for his own lust doth pёрse- | -cute the | poor : let them be taken in the crafty wiliness | that they | have im- | -agined.

The character of the ungodly oppressor.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his ówn | heart's de- | -sire : and speaketh good of the cóvetous | whom | God ab- | -horreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud, that he cáreth | not for | God : neither is | God in | all his | thoughts.

5 His wáys are | alway | grievous : thy judgements are far above out of his sight * and thêrefore de- | -fieth . he | all his | enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart * Tush, I shall néver be | cast | down : there shall no hárm | happen | unto | me.

His words and conduct.

7 His mouth is full of cúrsing, de- | -ceit and | fraud : under his tóngue is un- | -godli- | -ness and | vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the thievish córners | of the | streets : and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent * his éyes are | set a- | -gainst the | poor.

9 For he lieth waiting secretly * even as a lion lûrketh he | in his | den : thât | he may | ravish . the | poor.

10 Hé doth | ravish . the | poor : whén he | getteth . him | into . his | net.

11 He falleth dôwn, and | humbleth . him- | -self : that the congregation of the poor may fâll into the | hands | of his | captains.

12 He hath said in his heart * Tush, Góð | hath for- | gotten : he hideth away his fáce, and | he will | never | see it.

Prayer that God would show that He sees and cares !

13 Arise, O Lord God * and lift up | thine | hand : fôr- | get | not the | poor.

14 Wherefore should the wicked blas- | -pheme | God : while he doth say in his heart * Tûsh | thou God | carest . not | for it.

15 Súrely | thou hast | seen it : for thou behôldest un- | -godli- | -ness and | wrong.

16 That thou mayest táke the matter | into . thine | hand : the poor committeth himself unto thee * for thóu art the | helper | of the | friendless.

17 Break thou the power of the ungodly | and ma- | licious : take away his ungodliness and | thou shalt | find | none.

An assurance that the prayer is heard.

18 The Lord is Kíng for | ever . and | ever : and the héathen are | perished | out . of the | land.

19 Lord thou hast heard the desíre | of the | poor : thou prearest their heart * and thine éar | hearkeneth | there- | -to ;

20 To help the fatherless and póor | unto . their | right : that the man of the eárrh be no | more ex- | alted . a- | -gainst them.

PSALM XI. *In Domino, confido.*

The answer to timid counsels.

Occasion.—*David in the court of Saul is tempted to give up his work because of the King's anger.*

Application.—*The Church, tempted by faint-hearted friends to give up her work in remedying social evils, throws herself on God,*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

The counsel of fear.

IN the Lórd put | I my | trust : how say ye then to my soul * that she should flée as a | bird | unto . the | hill ?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow * and make ready their árrows with- | -in the | quiver : that they may privily shoot at thém | which are | true of | heart.

3 For the foundations will be | cast | down : and whát | hath the | righteous | done ?

The Answer—God sees, tries, approves, and rejects.

4 The Lord is in his | holy | temple : the Lórd's | seat | is in | heaven.

5 His éyes con- | -sider . the | poor : and his éyelids | try¹ the | children . of | men.

6 The Lórd al- | -loweth² . the | righteous : but the ungodly and him that delighteth in wickedness | doth his | soul ab- | -hor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares * fire and brimstone | storm and | tempest : thís shall | be their | portion . to | drink.

8 For the righteous Lórd | loveth | righteousness : his countenance will behóld the | thing | that is | just.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM XII. *Salvum me fac.*

The Divine Promise in a faithless world.

Occasion.—*Perhaps written by David when, at the Court of Saul, he was surrounded by hypocritical enemies.*

Application.—*To the Church in a worldly diocese or parish.*

Use.—*In times of difficulty.*

Cry for help amid prevailing faithlessness.

HELP me, Lord * for there is not óne | godly . man | left : for the faithful are minished fróm a- | -mong the | children . of | men.

¹ "His eyelids try," i.e., He carefully examines.

² "The Lord alloweth," i.e., He approves after trial. "Alloweth," an old English word for "praiseth."

2 They talk of vanity évery one | with his | neighbour :
they do but flatter with their lips * and dissémbles | in their |
double | heart.

Confidence that God will save.

3 The Lord shall root out áll de- | -ceitful | lips : and
the tóngue that | speaketh | proud | things ;

4 Which have said * With our tóngue will | we pre- |
vail : we are they that ought to speak, whó is | lord |
over | us ?

The Divine Promise

5 Now for the comfortless troubles' sâke | of the |
needy : and because of the déep | sighing | of the | poor,

6 I will úp | saith the | Lord : and will help every one
from him that swelleth agáinst him | and will | set him .
at | rest.

will never fail.

7 The words of the Lórd are | pure | words : even as
the silver * which from the earth is tried, and púrified |
seven . times | in the | fire.

8 Thou shalt kéepe | them O | Lord : thou shalt preserve
him from thís | gener- | -ation . for | ever.

9 The ungodly wâlk on | every | side : when they are
exalted, the children of | men are | put . to re- | -buke.

PSALM XIII. *Usque quo, Domine ?*

Despair changed to confidence.

Occasion.—*The words of one whose circumstances have driven him
almost to despair, possibly of David when hunted by Saul.*

Application.—*The Church, realising her defeat to be due to
spiritual sloth and indifference, prays for awakening.*

Use.—*For the Church tempted to despair.*

How Long ?

HOW long wilt thou forgét me O | Lord for | ever :
how lóng wilt thou | hide thy | face | from me ?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul * and be so
vêxed | in my | heart : how long shall mine éemies |
triumph | over | me ?

Death imminent.

3 Consider, and héar me O | Lord my | God : lighten
mine éyes that I | sleep | not in | death.

4 Lest mine enemy say * I have pre- | -vailed . a- | -gainst him ; for if I be cast down * they that trouble me | will re- | -joice | at it.

Ultimate triumph certain.

5 But my trust is | in thy | mercy : and my heart is | joyful . in | thy sal- | -vation.

6 I will sing of the Lord * because he hath dealt so | lovingly | with me : yea, I will praise the Name | of the | Lord most | Highest.

PSALM XIV. *Dixit insipiens.*

Heathen pride and impending judgement.

Occasion.—*Possibly written when Babylon, the representative of the great Powers of the heathen world, already tottering, was waiting but the sentence of God's judgement to crumble into pieces.*

Application.—*To the heathen supremacy in India, China and Japan.*

Use.—*For Foreign Missions.*

The proud unbelief of Heathenism.

THE fool hath said | in his | heart : There | is | no | God.

2 They are corrupt, and become abominable | in their | doings : there is none that doeth | good | no not | one.

Its sway marked by cruelty, cunning, and unhappiness.

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the | children . of | men : to see if there were any that would understand, and | seek | after | God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way * they are altogether be- | -come a- | -bominable : there is none that doeth | good | no not | one.

5 Their throat is an open sepulchre * with their tongues have | they de- | -ceived : the poison of | asps is | under . their | lips.

6 Their mouth is full of | cursing . and | bitterness : their feet are | swift to | shed | blood.

7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways * and the way of peace have | they not | known : there is no fear of | God be- | -fore their | eyes.

8 Have they no knowledge, that they are áll such | workers . of | mischief : eating up my people as it were bréad, and | call . not up- | -on the | Lord ?

Yet the Divine Presence in the Church causeth fear.

9 There were they brought in great fear * éven where | no fear | was : for God is in the géner- | -ation | of the | righteous.

10 As for you * ye have made a mock at the cōunsel | of the | poor : because he pútteth his | trust | in the | Lord.

Christ's triumph waits on the spiritual freedom of His people.

11 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion ? * When the Lord turneth the captivity | of his | people | then shall Jacob rejóice, and | Israel | shall be | glad.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XV. *Domine, quis habitabit ?*

Christ alone worthy to enter Heaven.

Occasion.—*The translation of the Ark to Jerusalem leads David to point out the kind of moral conduct necessary for those amongst whom the Divine Presence has come to dwell.*

Application.—*To the Ascension of Christ, revealing, as it does, the moral purity of all who would live with Him.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ascension Day (Mattins).*

Who are worthy to enter Heaven ?

LORD, who shall dwéll in thy | taber- | -nacle : or who shall rést up- | -on thy | holy | hill ?

Those who follow the Ascended Christ.

2 Even he that léadeth an | uncorrupt | life : and doeth the thing which is right * and spéaketh the | truth | from his | heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue * nor done évil | to his | neighbour : ánd | hath not | slandered . his | neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself * but is lówly in his | own | eyes : and maketh mûch of | them that | fear the | Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour * and dis-
appointeth . him | not : though it | were . to his | own |
hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money up- | -on | usury :
nor taken re- | -ward a- | -gainst the | innocent.

7 Whoso | doeth . these | things : shall | nev- | -er | fall.

PSALM XVI. *Conserva me, Domine.*

Joy in God alone here and hereafter.

Occasion.—*David's joy in God and the good, in spite of cruel persecutions and the apostasy of friends.*

Application.—*The Church finds her happiness in God and in His Saints. All her wealth is as nothing compared with this.*

Use.—*For the Church when tempted to worldliness.*

The Joy in God and His Saints inspires a hope that stretches beyond
the grave.

PRESERVE | me O | God : for in thee | have I | put my |
trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said | unto . the | Lord : Thou
art my God * my goods are | nothing | unto | thee.

3 All my delight is upon the saints that are | in the |
earth : and upon | such as . ex- | -cel in | virtue.

4 But they that run after an- | -other | god : shall |
have | great | trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of blood will | I not | offer :
neither make mention of their | names with- | -in my | lips.

6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance
and | of my | cup : thou | shalt main- | -tain my | lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a | fair | ground : yea I |
have a | goodly | heritage.

8 I will thank the Lord for | giving . me | warning : my
reins also chasten me | in the | night- | -season.

9 I have set God | always . be- | -fore me : for he is on
my right hand | therefore . I | shall not | fall.

10 Wherefore my heart was glad and my | glory .
re- | -joiced : my flesh | also . shall | rest in | hope.

11 For why * thou shalt not leave my | soul in | hell :
neither shalt thou suffer thy Hóly | One to | see cor- |
ruption.

12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life * in thy presence
is the | fulness . of | joy : and at thy right hánd there is |
pleasure . for | ever- | -more.

PSALM XVII. *Exaudi, Domine.*

The appeal of Innocence against the world.

Occasion.—*Possibly written by David when in great distress.*

Application.—*The Church in Parish, Diocese or Nation is not
seldom misinterpreted or defamed, and uses these words as her
appeal to God to right her.*

Use.—*An Act of Faith in God's Goodness.*

A cry for Justice on the ground of innocence,

HEAR the right O Lord * consider | my com- | -plaint :
and hearken unto my prayer * that goeth not |
out of | feigned | lips.

2 Let my sentence come fôrth | from thy | presence :
and let thine eyes look upôn the | thing | that is | equal.

3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the
night-season * thou hast tried me, and shall find no |
wickedness | in me : for I am utterly purposed thát my |
mouth shall | not of- | -fend.

4 Because of men's works that are done against the
wórds | of thy | lips : I have kept me frôm the | ways of |
the de- | -stroyer.

5 O hold thou up my goings | in thy | paths : thát my |
footsteps | slip | not.

and for a public manifestation of Divine Favour.

6 I have called upon thee O Gód, for | thou shalt | hear
me : incline thine ear to mé, and | hearken | unto . my |
words.

7 Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness * thou that art
the Saviour of them which put their | trust in | thee :
from súch as re- | -sist thy | right | hand.

8 Keep me as the ápple | of an | eye : hide me únder
the | shadow | of thy | wings,

9 From the ungodly that | trouble | me : mine enemies
compass me round about to | take a- | -way my | soul.

10 They are enclosed in their | own | fat : and their
mouth | speaketh | proud | things.

11 They lie waiting in our way on | every | side : turning
their eyes | down | to the | ground ;

12 Like as a lion that is greedy | of his | prey : and as it
were a lion's whelp | lurking . in | secret | places.

The Beatific Vision will explain the riddle of ungodly prosperity.

13 Up, Lord, disappoint him and | cast him | down :
deliver my soul from the ungodly which | is a | sword of |
thine ;

14 From the men of thy hand, O Lord * from the men I
say, and from the | evil | world : which have their portion
in this life * whose bellies thou fillest | with thy | hid |
treasure.

15 They have children at | their de- | -sire : and leave
the rest of their | substance | for their | babes.

16 But as for me * I will behold thy | presence . in |
righteousness : and when I awake up after thy likeness * I
shall be | satis- | -fied | with it.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XVIII. *Diligam te, Domine.*

The story of a great deliverance and its effects.

Occasion.—*David, seated on his throne and enjoying peace, sings
of his past stormy experiences, and the wonderful revelation of
God's love they bring.*

Application.—*The Church recounts the still more wonderful
experiences of the Son of David.*

Use.—*For Foreign Missions.*

God worthy of all love for His glorious attributes.

I WILL love thee O Lord my strength * the Lord is my
stony rock and | my de- | -fence : my Saviour, my God,
and my might, in whom I will trust * my buckler, the horn
also of my sal- | -vation | and my | refuge.

2 I will call upon the Lord, which is wóorthy | to be | praised : so shall I^e be | safe | from mine | enemies.

The cry that was heard out of the Passion of Christ.

3 The sorrows of déath | compassed | me : and the overflowings of ungódliness | made | me a- | -fraid.

4 The pains of héll | came a- | -bout me : the snáres of | death | over- | -took me.

5 In my trouble I will cáll up- | -on the | Lord : ánd com- | -plain | unto • my | God.

6 So shall he hear my voice oút of his | holy | temple : and my complaint shall come before him * it shall énter | even | into • his | ears.

The signs—storm, earthquake, and darkness—that accompanied the
Divine answer.

7 The éarth | trembled • and | quaked : the very foundations also of the hills shook * and were remóved be- | -cause | he was | wroth.

8 There went a smóke out | in his | presence : and a consuming fire out of his mouth * só that | coals were | kindled | at it.

9 He bowed the heavens álso and | came | down : ánd it was | dark | under • his | feet.

10 He rode upon the chérubims | and did | fly : he came flying upón the | wings | of the | wind.

11 He made dárkness his | secret | place : his pavilion round about him with dark water * and thíck | clouds to | cover | him.

12 At the brightness of his présence his | clouds re- | -moved : háil- | -stones and | coals of | fire.

13 The Lord also thundered out of heaven * and the Highest | gave his | thunder : háil- | -stones and | coals of | fire.

14 He sent out his árrows and | scattered | them : he cast forth lightnings | and des- | -troyed | them.

15 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered * áť thy | chiding • O | Lord : at the blásting of the | breath of | thy dis- | pleasure.

Deliverance from Death by the Resurrection.

16 He shall send dōwn from on | high to | fetch me :
and shall tãke me | out of | many | waters.

17 He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy * and
from | them which | hate me : fôr they | are too | mighty .
for | me.

18 They prevented me in the dáy | of my | trouble : bût
the | Lord was | my up- | -holder.

19 He brought me forth also into a | place of | liberty :
he brought me forth * even because he hãd a | favour |
unto | me.

This, the reward of a perfect Life;

20 The Lord shall reward me âfter my | righteous |
dealing : according to the cleanness of my hãnds | shall he |
recompense | me.

21 Because I have kept the wãys | of the | Lord : and
have not forsaken my Gód | as the | wicked | doth.

22 For I have an éye unto | all his | laws : and will not
cãst out | his com- | -mandments | from me.

23 I was also úncor- | -rupt be- | -fore him : and
es- | -chewed . mine | own | wickedness.

24 Therefore shall the Lord reward me âfter my |
righteous | dealing : and according unto the cléanness of
my | hands | in his | eye-sight.

and in harmony with the Divine Law.

25 With the hólý thou | shalt be | holy : and with a
pêrfect man | thou | shalt be | perfect.¹

26 With the cléan thou | shalt be | clean : and with the
froward | thou shalt | learn | frowardness.

27 For thou shalt save the pëople that are | in
ad- | -versity : and shalt bring dōwn the | high looks | of the |
proud.

28 Thou âlso shalt | light my | candle : the Lord my God
shall mãke my | darkness | to be | light.

29 For in thee I shall discómfit an | host of | men : and
with the help of my Gód I shall | leap | over . the | wall.

¹ This should be "To the pure thou showest thyself pure, and to the froward as full of frowardness," and signifies that the conception of God's character changes with the condition of the human heart.

30 The way of God is an unde- | -filed | way : the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire * he is the defender of all them that | put their | trust in | him.

The issue : The Son of God goes forth to war.

31 For who is Góð | but the | Lord : or who hath any | strength ex- | -cept our | God ?

32 It is God that girdeth me with | strength of | war : and | maketh . my | way | perfect.

33 He máketh my | feet like | harts' feet : and | setteth . me | up on | high.

34 He téacheth mine | hands to | fight : and mine arms shall bréak | even a | bow of | steel.

35 Thou hast given me the defence of | thy sal- | -vation : thy right hand also shall hold me up * and thy loving cor- | -rection . shall | make me | great.

36 Thou shalt make room enough under me | for to | go : that my | footsteps | shall not | slide.

His victorious career.

37 I will follow upon mine éemies and | over- | -take them : neither will I turn again till I | have des- | -troyed | them.

38 I will smite them * that they shall nót be | able . to | stand : bût | fall | under . my | feet.

39 Thou hast girded me with strength | unto . the | battle : thou shalt throw down mine | enemies | under | me.

40 Thou hast made mine enemies also to túrn their | backs up- | -on me : and I' shall de- | -stroy | them that | hate me.

41 They shall cry * but there shall be | none to | help them : yea even unto the Lord shall they cry | but he | shall not | hear them.

42 I will beat them as small as the dúst be- | -fore the | wind : I will cast them out as the | clay | in the | streets.

His Universal Sovereignty,

43 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings | of the | people : and thou shalt máke me the | head | of the | heathen.

44 A p  ple whom I | have not | known : sh  ll | serve | — | me.

45 As soon as they h  ar of me they | shall o- | -bey me : but the str  nge children | shall dis- | -semble | with me.

46 The str  nge | children . shall | fail :   nd be a- | fraid | out of . their | prisons.

which leads all men everywhere to praise the Father.

47 The Lord liveth * and blessed b   my | strong | helper : and praised b   the | God of | my sal- | -vation.

48 Even the God that s  eth that I | be a- | -venged : and subd  eth the | people | unto | me.

49 It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies * and setteth me   p a- | -bove mine | adversaries : thou shalt r  d me | from the | wicked | man.

50 For this cause will I give thanks unto thee O L  rd a- | -mong the | Gentiles : and sing | praises | unto . thy | Name.

51 Great prosperity g  veth he | unto . his | king : and sheweth loving-kindness unto David his Anointed * and   nto his | seed for | ever- | -more.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XIX. *C  li enarrant.*

The Crowning Revelation of God.

Subject.—*The Revelation of God in Nature and the Moral Law.*

Application.—*The perfect revelation in the Incarnate Christ (Rom. x. 18).*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Christmas Day.*

The Divine Revelation in Nature is perfected in the Word made Flesh, Who tabernacles amongst us and quickens all by His Divine Love.

THE heavens decl  re the | glory . of | God : and the firmament | sheweth . his | handy- | -work.

2 One d  y | telleth . an- | -other : and one n  ght | certi- | fieth . an- | -other.

3 There is néither | speech nor | language : bût their |
voices . are | heard a- | -mong them.

4 Their sound is gone ôut into | all | lands : and their
wôrds into the | ends | of the | world.

5 In them hath he set a tâbernacle | for the | sun : which
cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber * and
rejôiceth as a | giant . to | run his | course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven *
and runneth about unto the ênd of | it a- | -gain : and there
is nothing hîd | from the | heat there- | -of.

The Divine Revelation in the Law summed up in Christ's Teaching,

7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled lâw, con- |
verting . the | soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure *
and giveth | wisdom | unto . the | simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are rîght and re- | -joice
the | heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure * and
giveth | light | unto . the | eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is cléan and en- | -dureth . for |
ever : the judgements of the Lord are trûe, and | righteous |
alto- | -gether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold * yêa than |
much fine | gold : sweeter âlso than | honey | and the |
honeycomb.

which awakens in the Church a longing for cleansing of heart and lips.

11 Moreover, by thém is thy | servant | taught : and in
kêeping of them | there is | great re- | -ward.

12 Who can têll how | oft . he of- | -fendeth : O cleanse
thou mé | from my | secret | faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins * lest
they get the dominion | over | me : so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent | from the | great of- | -fence.

14 Let the words of my mouth * and the meditâtion |
of my | heart : be âlway ac- | -ceptable | in thy |
sight,

15 O' | — | Lord : my | strength and | my re- |
deemer.

PSALM XX. *Exaudiat et Dominus.***For King and Country.**

Occasion.—*David's Litany, to be sung by the people in his behalf before going out to battle.*

Application.—*The Church's Prayer for the Sovereign and the Nation.*

Use.—*Proper for the King's Accession.*

The prayer for the Nation.

THE Lord hear thee in the | day of | trouble : the Náme
of the | God of | Jacob . de- | -fend thee ;

2 Send thee hêlp | from the | sanctuary : and |
strengthen . thee | out of | Sion ;

3 Remémber | all thy | offerings : and ac- | -cept thy |
burnt | sacrifice ;

4 Gránt thee thy | heart's de- | -sire : and ful- | -fil | all
thy | mind.

Confidence that it will be granted.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation * and triumph in the
Náme of the | Lord our | God : the Lórd per- | -form all |
thy pe- | -titions.

The faith and prayer of the Church stimulated thereby.

6 Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed *
and will hear him fróm his | holy | heaven : even with the
whólesome | strength of | his right | hand.

7 Some put their trust in cháriots and | some in |
horses : but we will remember the Náme | of the | Lord
our | God.

8 Thêy are brought | down and | fallen : but wê are |
risen . and | stand | upright.

9 Save, Lord, and hêar us O | King of | heaven : wên
we | call up- | -on | thee.

PSALM XXI. *Domine, in virtute tua.***The Blessings and Triumphs of the Ascended Christ.**

Occasion.—*David's thanksgiving, to be sung when he returned triumphant from the war.*

Application.—*The Church's thanksgiving for the Victory of Christ and His Ascension into heaven.*

Use.—*Proper for Ascension Day.*

The Church rejoices in the blessings that greet her King,

THE King shall rejoice in thy | strength O | Lord :
exceeding glád shall he | be of | thy sal- | -vation.

2 Thou hast given him his | heart's de- | -sire : and hast
not denied him the re- | -quest | of his | lips.

3 For thou shalt prevent him with the | blessings . of |
goodness : and shalt set a crôwn of pure | gold up- | -on
his | head.

4 He asked life of thee * and thou gavest him a | long |
life : éven for | ever | and | ever.

5 His honour is gréat in | thy sal- | -vation : glory and
great wôrship | shalt thou | lay up- | -on him.

6 For thou shalt give him éver- | -lasting . fe | -licity :
and make him glád with the | joy | of thy | counten-
ance.

7 And why * because the King putteth his trúst | in
the | Lord : and in the mercy of the Most Highest | he
shall | not mis- | -carry.

and propheties a great and lasting success in the future ;

8 All thine énemies shall | feel thy | hand : thy right
hánd shall | find out | them that | hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time | of
thy | wrath : the Lord shall destroy them in his displeasure *
ând the | fire | shall con- | -sume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou rôot | out . of the | earth : and
their sêed from a- | -mong the | children . of | men.

11 For they intêded | mischief . a- | gainst thee : and
imagined such a device as they âre not | able | to per- |
form.

12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight : and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.

for this she prays.

13 Be thou exalted, Lord in thine own strength : so will we sing and praise thy power.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXII. *Deus, Deus meus.*

The Character and Effects of the Passion of Christ.

Occasion.—*Possibly David's sufferings.*

Application.—*"The Psalm has its roots in David's own experience, but its language reaches far beyond it to the sufferings of Christ."*

Use.—*Proper for Good Friday.*

The unswerving loyalty of the Forsaken Sufferer.

MY God, my God, look upon me * why hast thou forsaken me : and art so far from my health * and from the words of my complaint ?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time * but thou hearest not : and in the night-season also . I take no rest.

3 And thou con- tinest holy : O — thou worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee : they trusted in thee and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee and were holpen : they put their trust in thee and were not confounded.

6 But as for me I am a worm, and no man : a very scorn of men and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me * laugh at me to scorn : they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads saying,

8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him : let him deliver him if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb : thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since | I was | born :
thou art my God, éven | from my | mother's | womb.

In the agony and shame of the Cross He still prays.

11 O go not from me * for tróuble is | hard at | hand :
ánd | there is | none to | help me.

12 Many óxen are | come a- | -bout me : fat bulls of
Basan clóse me | in on | every | side.

13 They gape upón me | with their | mouths : as it were
a rámping | and a | roaring | lion.

14 I am poured out like water * and all my bónes are |
out of | joint : my heart also in the midst of my bódý is |
even . like | melting | wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd * and my
tongue cléaveth | to my | gums : and thou shalt bring me |
into . the | dust of | death.

16 For many dógs are | come a- | -bout me : and the
council of the wicked | layeth | siege a- | -gainst me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet * I may téll |
all my | bones : they stánd | staring . and | looking .
up- | -on me.

18 They párt my | garments . a- | -mong them : and cást |
lots up- | -on my | vesture.

19 But be not thou fâr from | me O | Lord : thou art
my súccour | haste | thee to | help me.

20 Deliver my sôul | from the | sword : my darling
fróm the | power | of the | dog.

21 Save me fróm the | lion's | mouth : thou hast heard
me also from amóng the | horns¹ | of the | unicorns.

The triumphant issue of the Suffering.

22 I will declare thy Náme | unto my | brethren : in the
midst of the cóngre- | -gation | will I | praise thee.

23 O praise the Lórd | ye that | fear him : magnify
him all ye of the seed of Jacob * and fêar him | all ye |
seed of | Israel ;

¹ "From among the horns," i.e., in the uttermost peril, when being tossed
by "the fat bulls of Basan, who closed him in on every side."

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred, the low estate | of the | poor : he hath not hid his face from him * but when he called | unto | him he | heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great | congre- | -gation : my vows will I perform in the | sight of | them that | fear him.

Its glorious effects on the poor and the heathen, on high and low.

26 The poor shall eat | and be | satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him * your | heart shall | live for | ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves * and be turned | unto . the | Lord : and all the kindreds of the | nations . shall | worship . be- | -fore him.

28 For the kingdom | is the | Lord's : and he is the Gover- | -nour a- | -mong the | people.

29 All such as be | fat up- . -on | earth¹ : have | eaten | and | worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dust shall | kneel be- | fore him : and no man hath | quickened . his | own | soul.

The Divine Righteousness justified.

31 My | seed shall | serve him : they shall be counted unto the Lord | for a | gener- | -ation.

32 They shall come * and the heavens shall de- | -clare his | righteousness : unto a people that shall be born | whom the | Lord hath | made.

PSALM XXIII. *Dominus regit me.*

The Good Shepherd.

Occasion.—*David's experience of God's care.*

Application.—*The Church's experience of Christ's love.*

Use.—*For all men at all times.*

Christ supplies all.

THE Lord | is my | shepherd : therefore | can I | lack | nothing.

Sustenance—Guidance—Repentance—Fellowship.

2 He shall feed me in a | green | pasture : and lead me forth be- | -side the | waters . of | comfort.

² The "fat upon earth," refers to the wealthy who are contrasted with the poor who have not bread enough to keep themselves alive. All worship the Suffering Christ.

3 Hé shall con- | -vert my | soul : and bring me forth
in the paths of righteousness | for his | Name's | sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death * I' will | fear no | evil : for thou art with me *
thy rôd and thy | staff | comfort | me.

The Bread of Life. The Oil of Gladness. The Love Eternal.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me * against thém
that | trouble | me : thou hast anointed my head with ôil,
and my | cup | shall be | full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy * shall follow me
all the dâys | of my | life : and I will dwell in the hóuse |
of the | Lord for | ever.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXIV. *Domini est terra.*

The Ascension of Christ.

Occasion.—*Probably written to celebrate the bringing up of the Ark to Jerusalem.*

Application.—*To commemorate the Return of Christ to Heaven.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ascension Day (Evensong).*

The awful Majesty of God.

THE earth is the Lord's * and áll that | therein | is :
the compass of the wórl'd, and | they that | dwell
there- | -in.

2 For he hath fôunded it up- | -on the | seas : and
prépared | it up- | -on the | floods.

Character of those who may dwell with Him.

3 Who shall ascend into the hîll | of the | Lord : or
who shall rise úp | in his | holy | place ?

4 Even he that hath clean hánds and a | pure | heart :
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity * nor swórn |
to de- | -ceive his | neighbour.

5 He shall receive the bléssing | from the | Lord : and
righteousness fróm the | God of | his sal- | -vation.

6 This is the generâtion of | them that | seek him :
even of thém that | seek thy | face O | Jacob.¹

¹ "Seek thy face, O Jacob." This should be, "Thy face, O God of Jacob"; but Jacob may be taken as a name of our Lord, Who wrestled for us, as Jacob did for his own family; or as signifying the Church, the new Israel of God.

The King of Glory alone lifts the gates of holiness.

7 Lift up your heads O ye gates * and be ye lift up ye éver- | -lasting | doors : and the Kíng of | glory | shall come | in.

8 Whó is the | King of | glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty * éven the | Lord | mighty . in | battle.

9 Lift up your heads O ye gates * and be ye lift up ye éver- | -lasting | doors : and the Kíng of | glory | shall come | in.

10 Whó is the | King of | glory : even the Lord of hôsts . he . is the | King of | glory.

PSALM XXV. *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

God's Character, a Refuge for the sinful and persecuted.

Occasion.—*Unknown. The words of some one in great suffering, and so arranged that each verse begins with a fresh letter of the Alphabet. This was probably done either to wile away long hours of imprisonment or to help the memory.*

Application.—*To the Church in Parish or Diocese undergoing severe trial.*

Use.—*An Act of Hope in times of difficulty.*

Trust in God.

U NTO thee O Lord will I lift up my soul * my God
I have pút my | trust in | thee : O let me not be
confounded * neither let mine énemies | triumph | over |
me.

2 For all they that hope in thée shall | not . be a- |
shamed : but such as transgress without a cäuse | shall
be | put . to con- | -fusion.

Prayer for guidance and forgiveness,

3 Shêw me thy | ways O | Lord : ánd | teach | me
thy | paths.

4 Lead me fôrth in thy | truth and | learn me : for
thou art the God of my salvation * in thee hath been my
hôpe | all the | day | long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lórd thy | tender | mercies :
and thy loving-kindnesses * which | have been | ever .
of | old.

6 O remember not the sins and offénces | of my |
youth : but according to thy mercy | think thou upon mé
O | Lord | for thy | goodness.

grounded on God's character revealed in His actions.

7 Gracious and righteous | is the | Lord : therefore
will he téach | sinners | in the | way.

8 Them that are méek shall he | guide in | judgement :
and such as are géntle | them . shall he | learn his | way.

9 All the paths of the Lórd are | mercy . and | truth :
unto such as kéep his | covenant | and his | testimonies.

10 For thy Náme's | sake O | Lord : be merciful únto
my | sin for | it is | great.

11 What man is hé that | feareth . the | Lord : him
shall he téach in the | way that | he shall | choose.

12 His sóul shall | dwell at | ease : and his séed | shall
in- | -herit . the | land.

13 The secret of the Lord is amóng | them that | fear
him : and hé will | shew | them his | covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever lóoking | unto . the | Lord : for
he shall plúck my | feet | out . of the | net.

Renewed prayer for mercy and deliverance.

15 Turn thee unto mé and have | mercy . up- | -on me :
for I' am | desolate | and in | misery.

16 The sorrows of my héart | are en- | -larged : O bring
thou | me | out of . my | troubles.

17 Look upon my advérsi- | -ty and | misery : ánd for- |
give me | all my | sin.

18 Consider mine énemies how | many . they | are :
and they béar a | tyrannous | hate a- | -gainst me.

19 O keep my sóul and de- | -liver | me : let me not be
confounded * for I' have | put my | trust in | thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous déaling | wait up- | -on
me : fôr my | hope hath | been in | thee.

21 Deliver I'srael | O | God : out of | all | his | troubles.

PSALM XXVI. *Judica me, Domine.***Integrity, a ground for mercy.**

Occasion.—*Unknown. A prayer for deliverance from some national judgement, possibly a pestilence about to overtake the wicked.*

Application.—*The Church prays to be delivered from the Divine judgements which now and again sweep over parishes and countries.*

Use.—*When danger threatens.*

Facing impending judgement, the Church throws herself upon God.

BE thou my Judge O Lord * for I' have | walked |
innocently : my trust hath been also in the Lórd |
therefore | shall I . not | fall.

2 Exámine me O | Lord and | prove me : try óut my |
reins | and my | heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness is éver be- | -fore mine |
eyes : and I' will | walk | in thy | truth.

Separated from the world, she prays to escape its condemnation.

4 I have not dwêlt with | vain | persons : neither will
I have féllowship | with | the de- | -ceitful.

5 I have hated the congregátion | of the | wicked : and
will not | sit a- | -mong . the un- | -godly.

6 I will wash my hands in innocency | O | Lord : and
só will I | go | to thine | altar ;

7 That I may shew the vóice of | thanks- | -giving :
and téll of | all thy | wondrous | works.

8 Lord, I have loved the habitátion | of thy | house :
and the pláce | where thine | honour | dwelleth.

9 O shut not up my sóul | with the | sinners : nor my
lífe | with the | blood- | -thirsty ;

10 Ín whose | hands is | wickedness : and their right |
hand is | full of | gifts.

Her righteous resolve.

11 But as for me * I' will | walk | innocently : O deliver
me, ánd be | merciful | unto | me.

12 My fóot | standeth | right : I will praise the Lórd |
in the | congre- | -gations.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXVII. *Dominus illuminatio.*

The Church in Exile.

Occasion.—*Probably written by David in exile just before the battle with Absalom.*

Application.—*Many a struggling body of Christians, cut off from the fellowship of the Sacraments and the Church, prays for deliverance from the ungodly and the restoration of Church blessings.*

Use.—*As an Intercession for those in our Colonies or Dependencies who are deprived of the Means of Grace.*

Confidence in God.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation * whôm then | shall I | fear : the Lord is the strength of my life * of whôm then | shall I | be a- | -fraid ?

2 When the wicked * even mine enemies and my foes * came upon me to éat | up my | flesh : théy | stumbled | and | fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me * yet shall not my héart | be a- | fraid : and though there rose up war against me * yét will I | put my | trust in | him.

The Covenanted Presence longed for,

4 One thing have I desired of the Lórd which I | will re- | -quire : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life * to behold the fair beauty of the Lórd | and to | visit . his | temple.

5 For in the time of trouble, he shall hîde me in his | taber- | -nacle : yea | in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me * and set me úp up- | -on a | rock of | stone.

and will be again enjoyed,

6 And now shall he líft | up mine | head : abôve mine | enemies | round a- | -bout me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling, an oblâtion with | great | gladness : I will sing and speak | praises | unto . the | Lord.

8 Hearken unto my voice O Lord * when I crý | unto | thee : have mércy up- | -on me | and | hear me.

though the present condition is lonely and dangerous.

9 My heart hath talked of thee * Sêek | ye my | face :
Thý | face Lord | will I | seek.

10 O hide not thóu thy | face | from me : nor cast thy
sêrvant a- | -way | in dis- | -pleasure.

11 Thóu hast | been my | succour : leave me not, neither
forsáke me O | God of | my sal- | -vation.

12 When my fáther and my | mother . for- | -sake me :
the Lórd | taketh | me | up.

13 Téach me thy | way O | Lord : and lead me in the
right wáy be- | -cause of | mine | enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the wíll | of mine | adversaries :
for there are false witnesses risen up against me, ánd |
such as | speak | wrong.

The upholding power of patient faith.

15 I should útterly | have | fainted : but that I believe
verily to see the goodness of the Lórd in the | land |
of the | living.

16 O târry thou the | Lord's | leisure : be strong,] and
he shall comfort thine heart * and pút thou thy | trust |
in the | Lord.

PSALM XXVIII. *Ad te, Domine.*

A Plea for mercy in judgement.

Occasion.—*Probably written by David during the exile enforced by Absalom's rebellion. Confident that his enemies will be overthrown, he prays that he and his may not be overwhelmed in the same judgement.*

Application.—*Sometimes the heavy judgement of Famine, Drought, or Plague threatens India, China, or other heathen lands. The Christian population often suspected at such times deserve our earnest prayers. Ordinarily it may be used of the Church in our large cities facing the Divine wrath against sin.*

Use.—*When judgement threatens.*

The cry to be heard,

U NTO thee will I crý O | Lord my | strength : think
no scorn of me * lest, if thou make as though
thou hearest not * I become like thém that go | down |
into . the | pit.

2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions * when I cry | unto | thee : when I hold up my hands towards the mērcy-seat | of thy | holy | temple.

and not overwhelmed in the coming judgement of the wicked.

3 O pluck me not away * neither destroy me with the ungodly and | wicked | doers : which speak friendly to their neighbours * but imāgine | mischief | in their | hearts.

4 Reward them accōrding | to their | deeds : and according to the wickedness | of their | own in- | -ventions.

5 Recompense them after the wōrk | of their | hands : pay them | that they | have de- | served.

6 For they regard not in their mind the works of the Lord * nor the operātion | of his | hands : therefore shall he break them dōwn, and | not | build them | up.

Faith praises in anticipation of deliverance.

7 Praise | be the | Lord : for he hath heard the vōice | of my | humble . pe- | -titions.

8 The Lord is my strength and my shield * my heart hath trusted in hīm, and | I am | helped : therefore my heart danceth for jōy * and in my | song | will I | praise him.

9 The Lōrd | is my | strength : and he is the whole-some de- | -fence of | his A- | -nointed.

10 O save thy people * and give thy blessing ūnto | thine in- | -heritance : fēed them and | set them | up for | ever.

PSALM XXIX. *Afferte Domino.*

The Majesty of God in the storm.

The Glory of God in the still small voice.

Occasion.—*The Majesty and Power of God in the Thunderstorm. The rarity and violence of storms in Palestine gave them a significance elsewhere unknown. This was enhanced by the tradition that the Law was given in a great storm. For this reason this Psalm was sung at Pentecost, which commemorated the giving of the Law.*

Application.—*Sung on the Day of Pentecost, it would be in the Apostles' mind when there came from heaven the rushing, mighty wind. It has been, therefore, naturally applied, not perhaps without significant hints in the New Testament, to the wonderful working of the Holy Spirit in dealing with the hearts of men.*

*So when the Spirit of our God
Came down His flock to find,
A voice from heaven was heard abroad—
A rushing, mighty wind.*

Use.—*An Act of Faith in the Holy Ghost.*

Praise to God for the revelation of Pentecost.

BRING unto the Lord O ye mighty * bring young
rám̄s | unto . the | Lord : ascribe unto the Lórd |
worship | and | strength.

2 Give the Lord the honour dúe | unto . his | Name :
wórship the | Lord with | holy | worship.

Its wondrous effects : Breaking down the proud, inspiring them with joy, shaking the wilderness, stripping bare the conscience, and compelling the admiration of the world.

3 It is the Lórd that com- | -mandeth . the | waters :
it is the glórious | God that | maketh . the | thunder.

4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea * the voice of the
Lord is mighty in | oper- | -ation : the voice of the Lórd |
is a | glorious | voice.

5 The voice of the Lórd | breaketh . the | cedar-trees :
yêa the Lord | breaketh . the | cedars . of | Libanus.

6 He maketh them also to skíp | like a | calf : Libanus
also and Sírion, | like a | young | unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire *
the voice of the Lórd | shaketh the | wilderness : yea, the
Lord sháketh the | wilder- | -ness of | Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring
forth young * and discóvereth the | thick | bushes¹ : in his
temple doth évery man | speak | of his | honour.

Its Author—the Ascended Christ.

9 The Lord sitteth a- | -bove the | water-flood : and
the Lórd re- | -maineth . a | King for | ever.

10 The Lord shall give stréngth | unto . his | people :
the Lord shall give his | people . the | blessing . of | peace.

¹ This refers to the old belief that fear excited by the thunderstorm produced untimely births. The storm also stripped bare the woods.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXX. *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

Sickness and Thanksgiving.

Occasion.—*The Inscription runs: "A Psalm; a song at the Dedication of the House; a Psalm of David." It may have been written for the dedication of Araunah's threshing floor after the great plague, when 70,000 died. David impersonating the National Life.*

Application.—*To the Nation or Individual as a thanksgiving for recovery from sickness. To the Church in diocese or parish on recovering its spiritual health after some mission.*

Use.—*Act of Thanksgiving for blessing.*

Thanksgiving for deliverance.

I WILL magnify thee O Lord * for thou hast | set me |
up : and not made my foes to | triumph | over | me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried | unto | thee : and | thou
hast | healed | me.

3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul | out of | hell :
thou hast kept my life from them that go | down | to
the | pit.

The recovery a revelation of God's love.

4 Sing praises unto the Lord O ye | saints of | his :
and give thanks unto him * for a re- | -membrance | of
his | holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye *
and in his | pleasure . is | life : heaviness may endure for
a night * but joy | cometh | in the | morning.

Pride the cause of sickness.

6 And in my prosperity I said * I shall never | be
re- | -moved : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast | made
my | hill so | strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy | face | from me : and | I | was |
troubled.

8 Then cried I unto | thee O | Lord : and gat me |
to my | Lord right | humbly.

9 What profit is there | in my | blood : when I go |
down | to the | pit ?

10 Shall the dust give thanks | unto | thee : or shall | it
de- | -clare thy | truth ?

11 Hear, O Lórd and have | mercy . up- | -on me :
Lórd be | thou | my | helper.

Joy at the new-found health.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness | into | joy : thou
hast put off my sackcloth and | girded | me with |
gladness.

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise
with- | -out | ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks |
unto | thee for | ever.

PSALM XXXI. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

The Sorrows of Christ and His Church.

Occasion.—*If written by David it probably refers to the desperate situation in the wilderness of Maon, when he was nearly captured by Saul.*

Application.—*Our Lord's quotation of verse 6 has naturally led many to think that this is His own Prayer for the Church, His Body, when in distress.*

Use.—*As a Meditation on Christ's Passion, or as an Intercession for the Church.*

The prayer for safety on the ground of previous experience.

I N thee O Lórd have I | put my | trust : let me never be
put to confú-sion, de- | -liver . me | in thy | righteousness.

2 Bow dówn thine | ear to | me : make háste | to
de- | -liver | me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and hóuse | of de- | -fence :
thát | thou . mayest | save | me.

4 For thou art my strong rók | and my | castle : be
thou also my guide * and léad me | for thy | Name's |
sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have láid | privily |
for me : fôr | thou | art my | strength.

6 Into thy hánds I com- | -mend my | spirit : for thou
hast redeemed me * O' | Lord thou | God of | truth.

Loyalty always blessed with freedom.

7 I have hated them that hólð of super- | -stitious | vanities : and my trúst hath | been | in the | Lord.

8 I will be glad and rejóice | in thy | mercy : for thou hast considered my trouble * and hast knówn my | soul | in ad- | -versities.

9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hánd | of the | enemy : but hast set my féet | in a | large | room.

The bitterness of Christ's Passion repeated in the history of the Church.

10 Have mercy upon me O Lórd, for | I am . in | trouble : and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness * yêa my | soul | and my | body.

11 For my life is wáxen | old with | heaviness : ánd my | years | with | mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, becáuse of | mine in- | -iquity : ánd my | bones | are con- | -sumed.

13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies * but espécially a- | -mong my | neighbours : and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me * and they that did see me withóut con- | -veyed . them- | -selves | from me.

14 I am clean forgotten, as a déad man | out of | mind : I am becóme | like a | broken | vessel.

15 For I have heard the blásphe-my | of the | multitude : and fear is on every side * while they conspire together against me * and take their cóunsel to | take a- | -way my | life.

She throws herself on God, in perfect trust.

16 But my hope hath béen in | thee O | Lord : I have sáid | Thou art | my | God.

17 My time is in thy hand * deliver me from the hánd | of mine | enemies : ánd from | them that | persecute | me.

18 Shew thy servant the líght | of thy | countenance : and sáve me | for thy | mercy's | sake.

19 Let me not be confounded O Lord * for I' have | called . up- | -on thee : let the ungodly be put to confusion * and be pút to | silence | in the | grave.

20 Let the lying líps be | put to | silence : which cruelly, disdainfully, and despítefully | speak a- | -gainst the | righteous.

Certain anticipation of protection and deliverance.

21 O how plentiful is thy goodness * which thou hast laid úp for | them that | fear thee : and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee * éven be- | -fore the | sons of | men !

22 Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence * from the provóking of | all | men : thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tâbernacle | from the | strife of | tongues.

23 Thánks be | to the | Lord : for he hath shewed me marvellous great kindness | in a | strong | city.¹

24 And wêén I made | haste I | said : I am cast óut of the | sight | of thine | eyes.

25 Nevertheless, thou heardest the vóice | of my | prayer : wêén I | cried | unto | thee.

The Lesson.

26 O love the Lórd all | ye his | saints : for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful * and plénteously re- | -wardeth . the | proud | doer.

27 Be strong, and hé shall es- | -tablish . your | heart : all ye that pút your | trust | in the | Lord.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXXII. *Beati, quorum.*

The Blessedness of the Forgiven.

Occasion.—*Probably written by David, after he had received, through Nathan, God's Absolution for his sin in the matter of Bathsheba.*

Application.—*The Church, out of her long experience of God's mercy, gives counsel to the penitent.*

Use.—*Proper for Ash Wednesday (Mattins).*

The blessedness of the forgiven.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness | is for- | -given :
ánd whose | sin | is | covered.

¹ "In a strong city." If the Psalm be David's, this refers to his striking deliverance in the city of Keilah; if Jeremiah's, to his experience in Jerusalem. In its application it refers to the Church, where many a man has felt in abundant measure the kindness of God.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lórd im- | -puteth .
no | sin : and in whose | spirit . there | is no | guile.

The misery of confession delayed.

3 For while I | held my | tongue : my bones consumed
away | through my | daily . com- | -plaining.

4 For thy hand is heavy upon me | day and | night :
and my moisture is | like the | drought in | summer.

The way of restoration.

5 I will acknowledge my sín | unto | thee : and mine
unrighteousness | have I | not | hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins | unto . the | Lord : and
so thou forgávest the | wickedness | of my | sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer
unto thee * in a time when thou | mayest . be | found : but
in the great wáter-floods | they shall | not come | nigh
him.¹

8 Thou art a place to hide me in * thou shalt presérve |
me from | trouble : thou shalt compass me about with |
songs | of de- | -liverance.

Submission to God's discipline, and trust in His pardoning mercy, lead to a
realization of peace.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the wáy wherein |
thou shalt | go : and I* will | guide thee | with mine |
eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule * which háve no |
under- | -standing : whose mouths must be held with bit
and bridle | lest they | fall up- | -on thee.

11 Great plagues remáin | for . the un- | -godly : but
whoso putteth his trust in the Lord * mercy embrácth |
him on | every | side.

12 Be glad O ye righteous * and rejóice | in the | Lord :
and be joyful all yé | that are | true of | heart.

¹ The Translation :—"For though the water-floods be high, they shall not come nigh him," shows the protection that at once meets those who seek God. The Prayer Book version contrasts the opportunity when God may be found with a time of stress and severe trial, when the sinner is so overwhelmed as not to be able to get near God.

PSALM XXXIII. *Exultate, justi.***The Providential Goodness of God.**

Occasion.—Possibly *post-exilic*. A poem celebrating the wisdom of the Divine Counsel in Israel's deliverance from Captivity.

Application.—The Divine Wisdom seen not only in Nature but in the Creation and Love of the Church.

Use.—As a thanksgiving for blessings to the Church.

A call to praise God :

REJOICE in the Lórd | O ye | righteous : for it
becometh wéll the | just | to be | thankful.

2 Praise the | Lord with | harp : sing praises unto him
with the lute * and instru- | -ment of | ten | strings.

3 Sing unto the Lórd a | new | song : sing praises lustily
unto him | with a | good | courage.

for His faithfulness and love ;

4 For the wórd of the | Lord is | true : and | all his |
works are | faithful.

5 He loveth righteous- | -ness and | judgement : the
earth is fúll of the | goodness | of the | Lord.

for His creative power and Providence ;

6 By the word of the Lórd were the | heavens | made :
and all the hosts of them bý the | breath | of his | mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together * as it
wére up- | -on an | heap : and layeth úp the | deep as |
in a | treasure-house.

8 Let all the éarth | fear the | Lord : stand in awe of
him * all yé that | dwell | in the | world.

9 For he spáke, and | it was | done : he commáded |
and it | stood | fast.

for His Government of the world ;

10 The Lord bringeth the cónsel of the | heathen . to |
nought : and maketh the devices of the people to be of
none effect * and cásteth | out the | counsels . of | princes.

11 The counsel of the Lórd shall en- | -dure for | ever :
and the thoughts of his heart from gêner- | -ation . to |
gener- | -ation.

for His choice and care of the Church.

12 Blessed are the people, whose Góð is the | Lord Je- | -hovah : and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him to | be | his in- | -heritance.

13 The Lord looked down from heaven * and behéld all the | children . of | men : from the habitation of his dwelling * he considereth all thém that | dwell | on the | earth.

14 He fashioneth áll the | hearts of | them : and únder- | standeth | all their | works.

This care infinitely more precious than material resources.

15 There is no king that can be saved by the mûltitude | of an | host : neither is any mighty mân de- | -livered . by | much | strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vâin thing to | save a | man : neither shall he deliver ány man | by his | great | strength.

17 Behold the eye of the Lord is upôn | them that | fear him : and upon them that pút their | trust | in his | mercy.

18 To delíver their | soul from | death : and to féed them | in the | time of | dearth.

With it the Church is content.

19 Our soul hath patiently tárried | for the | Lord : for hé is our | help | and our | shield.

20 For our héart shall re- | -jice in | him : because we have hópéd | in his | holy | Name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness O Lórd | be up- | -on us : like as wê do | put our | trust in | thee.

PSALM XXXIV. *Benedicam Domino.*

The Deliverance of the Righteous One.

Occasion.—According to the Inscription, written by David when he was at the Court of Achish, and barely escaped with his life by feigning madness.

Application.—St. John's reference to verse 20 in his Gospel (xix. 36) justifies us in taking the whole Psalm as containing a counsel to His children to imitate His Trust and share His Blessed Experience.

Use.—A call to praise for a happy experience.

The unceasing praise of Christ.

I WILL alway give thánks | unto . the | Lord : his práise
shall | ever . be | in my | mouth.

2 My soul shall make her bôast | in the | Lord : the
humble shall héar there- | -of | and be | glad.

3 O práise the | Lord with | me : and let us mágni- | -fy
his | Name to- | -gether.

His Blessed Experience.

4 I sought the Lórd | and he | heard me : yea, he
délivered me | out of | all my | fear.

5 They had an eye unto hím | and were | lightened ;
ánd their | faces . were | not a- | -shamed.

6 Lo the poor crieth, and the Lórd | heareth | him :
yea, and sáveth him | out of | all his | troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth róund about | them
that | fear him : ánd | — de- | -livereth | them.

An invitation to others to share it by fearing God.

8 O taste and see how grácious the | Lord | is : blessed
is the | man that | trusteth . in | him.

9 O fear the Lord, yê that | are his | saints : for thêy
that | fear him | lack | nothing.

10 The lions do láck and | suffer | hunger : but they who
seek the Lord, shall want no mánnér of | thing | that is |
good.

11 Come, ye children, and héarken | unto | me : I will
téach you the | fear | of the | Lord.

12 What man is hê that | lusteth . to | live : ánd would |
fain | see good | days ?

13 Kêep thy | tongue from | evil : and thy líps | that
they | speak no | guile.

14 Eschew évil and | do | good : sêek | peace | and
en- | -sue it.

Deliverance from the Cross and Death.

15 The eyes of the Lórd are | over . the | righteous :
and his éars are | open | unto . their | prayers.

16 The countenance of the Lord is against thém that |
do | evil : to root out the remémbrance | of them | from
the | earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lórd | heareth | them :
and delivereth them | out of | all their | troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that áre of a | contrite |
heart : and will sáve such as | be . of an | humble |
spirit.

19 Great are the tróubles | of the | righteous : but the
Lórd de- | -livereth . him | out of | all.

20 He kéepeþ | all his | bones : só that not | one of |
them is | broken.

21 But misfortune shall sláý | the un- | -godly : and they
that háte the | righteous | shall be | desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the sóuls | of his | servants :
and all they that put their trúst in | him shall | not be |
destitute.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXXV. *Judica, Domine.*

The Church's Intercession for the persecuted.

Occasion.—Possibly written by David when harassed by Saul, whose envy was no doubt greatly increased by the enemies David had at court.

Application.—Christ Himself (St. John xv. 25) quotes verse 19, as being fulfilled in His own experience, and there is much else that seems predictive of His sufferings. And His experience has been repeated in that of the Church, which here asks God to take up her cause whenever it is endangered.

Use.—For oppressed Christians in the East or elsewhere.

An appeal to God to champion the cause of the persecuted :

PLEAD thou my cause O Lord, with thém that | strive
with | me : and fight thou against thém that | fight
a- | -gainst | me.

2 Lay hand upón the | shield and | buckler : ánd |
stand | up to | help me.

3 Bring forth the spear * and stop the way against
thém that | persecute | me : say unto my sóul | I am | thy
sal- | -vation.

4 Let them be confounded, and put to shame * that
sêek | after . my | soul : let them be turned back and
brought to confusion * thât im- | -agine | mischief |
for me.

5 Let them be as the dŭst be- | -fore the | wind : and
the ángel of the | Lord | scattering | them.

6 Let their wáy be | dark and | slippery : and let the
ángel of the | Lord | persecute | them.

7 For they have privily laid their net to destróy me
with- | -out a | cause : yea, even without a cause, have they
mâde a | pit | for my | soul.

8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares *
and his net, that he hath laid prívily | catch him- | -self :
that he may fáll | into . his | own | mischief.

It must then triumph.

9 And my soul be jôyful | in the | Lord : ít shall re- |
joice in | his sal- | -vation.

10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee *
who deliverest the poor from him that is tóo | strong for |
him : yea, the poor, and him that is in misery from | him
that | spoileth | him ?

The falsehood and base ingratitude of the persecutors.

11 False witnesses did | rise | up : they laid to my
chârgé | things | that I | knew not.

12 They rewârded me | evil . for | good : to the gréat
dis- | -comfort | of my | soul.

13 Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sack-
cloth * and hŭmbled my | soul with | fasting : and my
prayer shall túrn | into . mine | own | bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend |
or my | brother : I went heavily * as óne that | mourneth |
for his | mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced * and gâthered
them- | -selves to- | -gether : yea, the very abjects came
together against me unawares * making móuths at | me
and | ceased | not.

16 With the flâtterers were | busy | mockers : who
gnâshed up- | -on me | with their | teeth.

The mother appeals for her children.

17 Lord, how lóng wilt thou | look up- . -on | this :
O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring
on me * ând my | darling | from the | lions.

18 So will I give thee thanks in the grêat | congre- |
gation : I will práise | thee a- | -mong much | people.

She asks for judgement for her enemies, and joy for her friends.

19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph ôver |
me un- | -godly : neither let them wink with their éyes that |
hate . me with- | -out a | cause.

20 And why * their cômmuning is | not for | peace : but
they imagine deceitful words against thém that are | quiet |
in the | land.

21 They gaped upon me with their | mouths and |
said : Fie on thee, fie on thée, we | saw it | with our |
eyes.

22 Thîs thou hast | seen O | Lord : hold not thy tongue
then * gô not | far from | me O | Lord.

23 Awake, and stand úp to | judge my | quarrel : avenge
thou my câuse my | God | and my | Lord.

24 Judge me O Lord my God, accôrding | to thy |
righteousness : and lét them not | triumph | over | me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts * There, thêre | so .
would we | have it : neither let them sây | We . have
de- | -voured | him.

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together *
that rejôice | at my | trouble : let them be clothed with
rebuke and dishônour, that | boast them- | -selves
a- | -gainst me.

27 Let them be glad and rejoice, that fâvour my |
righteous | dealing : yea, let them say alway * Blessed
be the Lord, who hath pleasure in the pros- | -perity |
of his | servant.

28 And as for my tongue, it shall be tâlking | of thy |
righteousness : and of thy práise | all the | day | long.

PSALM XXXVI. *Dixit injustus.*

A great contrast and the prayer it suggests.

Occasion.—*Authorship unknown. If the Inscription is followed, it was probably written by David after the revelation of wickedness which the rebellion of Absalom disclosed.*

Application.—*The Church bids those who think much of human sin to think much of God's love.*

Use.—*A song of hope in God in spite of sin.*

The character of ungodliness and its expression.

MY heart sheweth me the wickedness | of . the
un- | -godly : that there is no fear of | God be- | -fore
his | eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his | own | sight : until
his abôminable | sin be | found | out.

3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous and | full .
of de- | -ceit : he hath left off to behave himself wisely |
and to | do | good.

4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed * and hath set
himself in | no good | way : neither doth he abhór |
any . thing | that is | evil.

The character of Divine goodness and its effects.

5 Thy mercy O Lord, reacheth | unto . the | heavens :
and thy | faithfulness | unto . the | clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the | strong |
mountains : thy judgments are | like the | great | deep.

7 Thou Lord shalt save both man and beast * how
excellent is thy | mercy . O | God : and the children of
men shall put their trust * únder the | shadow | of thy |
wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plénteousness |
of thy | house : and thou shalt give them drink of thy
pléasures as | out | of the | river.

9 For with thee is the | well of | life : and in thy light |
shall we | see | light.

The prayer for mercy and humility.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness únto | them that |
know thee : and thy righteousness unto thém | that are |
true of | heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride | come a- | -gainst me :
and let not the hánd of the un- | -godly | cast me | down.

12 There are they fallen, áll that | work | wickedness :
they are cast dówn, and shall | not be | able . to | stand.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM XXXVII. *Noli æmulari.*

The Patience of Saints.

Occasion.—*According to the Inscription, this is David's work. The writer is an old man (ver. 25) and this may have been the substance of David's reflections at the end of his life.*

Application.—*The Church, with an experience of nearly 2,000 years, counsels her children not to give way to envy or impatience because the wicked appear to prosper.*

Use.—*An Act of Faith in God's Justice.*

The difficulty—Evil appears to prosper.

FRET not thyself because of | the un- | -godly : neither
be thou ênvíous a- | -gainst the | evil- | -doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut dówn | like the | grass :
and be wíthered | even . as the | green | herb.

Let Patience have its perfect work.

3 Put thou thy trust in the Lórd and be | doing |
good : dwell in the lánd, and | verily . thou | shalt be | fed.

4 Delíght thou | in the | Lord : and he shall gíve |
thee thy | heart's de- | -sire.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord * and pút thy |
trust in | him : ánd | he shall | bring it . to | pass.

6 He shall make thy righteousness as cléar | as the |
light : and thy júst | dealing | as the | noonday.

7 Hold thee still in the Lord * and abide pátient- | -ly
up- | -on him : but grieve not thyself at him whose way
doth prosper * against the man that dôeth | after | evil |
counsels.

8 Leave off from wráth and let | go dis- | -pleasure :
fret not thyself * élse shalt thou be | moved . to | do | evil.

9 Wicked doers sháll be | rooted | out : and they that
patiently abide the Lórd | those . shall in- | -herit . the |
land.

10 Yet a little while * and the ungodly shall be | clean |
gone : thou shalt look after his pláce, and | he shall |
be a- | -way.

11 But the meek-spirited sháll pos- | -sess the | earth :
and shall be refrêshed in the | multi- | -tude of | peace.

Disappointment is the certain lot of the ungodly ;

12 The ungodly seeketh còunsel a- | -gainst the | just :
and gnásheth up- | -on him | with his | teeth.

13 The Lord shall láugh | him to | scorn : for he hath
séen | that his | day is | coming.

14 The ungodly have drawn out the swórd and have |
bent their | bow : to cast down the poor and needy * and
to slay such as áre of a | right | conver- | -sation.

15 Their sword shall go thróugh their | own | heart :
ánd their | bow | shall be | broken.

and permanent blessing that of the righteous,

16 A small thing thát the | righteous | hath : is better
than gréat | riches . of | the un- | -godly.

17 For the arms of the ungodly | shall be | broken : ánd
the | Lord up- | -holdeth . the | righteous.

18 The Lord knoweth the dâys | of the | godly : and
their inhéritance | shall en- | -dure for | ever.

19 They shall not be confóunded in the | perilous | time :
and in the days of déarth | they shall | have e- | -nough.

20 As for the ungodly they shall perish * and the
enemies of the Lord shall consúme as the | fat of | lambs
yea, even as the smóke shall | they con- | -sume a- | -way.

who are sure of guidance, work, and food.

21 The ungodly borroweth, and páyeth | not a- | -gain :
but the righteous is | merci- | -ful and | liberal.

22 Such as are blessed of Gód shall pos- | -sess the | land :
and they that are cúrsed of him | shall be | rooted | out.

23 The Lord órdereth a | good man's | going : and
maketh his wáy ac- | -ceptable | to him- | -self.

24 Though he fall * he shall nôt be | cast a- | -way : for the Lórd up- | -holdeth . him | with his | hand .

25 I have been yóung, and | now am | old : and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken * nór his | seed | begging . their | bread .

26 The righteous is ever mérci- | -ful and | lendeth : ánd his | seed | is | blessed .

27 Flee from evil * and do the thing | that is | good : ánd | dwell for | ever- | -more .

28 For the Lord loveth the thing | that is | right : he forsaketh not his that be góðly but | they are . pre- | -served . for | ever .

29 The unrighteous | shall be | punished : as for the seed of the ungóðly | it . shall be | rooted | out .

30 The righteous sháll in- | -herit . the | land : ánd | dwell there- | -in for | ever .

Contrast between the life and fortunes of the good and the bad.

31 The mouth of the righteous is éxer- | -cised . in | wisdom : and his tóngue | will be | talking of | judgement .

32 The law of his Gód is | in his | heart : ánd his | goings | shall not | slide .

33 The ungóðly | seeth . the | righteous : ánd | seeketh . oc- | -casion . to | slay him .

34 The Lord will not léave him | in his | hand : nór con- | -demn him | when . he is | judged .

35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way * and he shall promote thee that thóu shalt pos- | -sess the | land : when the ungóðly shall | perish | thou shalt | see it .

36 I myself have seen the ungóðly in | great | power : and flóurishing | like a | green | bay-tree .

37 I went by, and ló | he was | gone : I sought him, but his pláce could | no- | -where be | found .

Final counsels.

38 Keep innocency * and take heed unto the thing | that is | right : for that shall bring a man | peace | at the | last .

39 As for the transgressors, they shall | perish . to- |
gether : and the end of the ungodly is * they shall be
rooted | out | at the | last.

40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh | of the |
Lord : who is also their strength | in the | time of |
trouble.

41 And the Lord shall stand by | them and | save
them ; he shall deliver them from the ungodly * and shall
save them, because they | put their | trust in | him.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXXVIII. *Domine, ne in furore.*

National Penitence.

Occasion.—Some have naturally connected this with David's great
sin which, when revealed to him, caused him such distress,
and "the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme." But there is no
certainty.

Application.—To the great national sins of indifference, drunken-
ness, and immorality, which degrade the Christian life of the
Nation and humiliate the Church.

Use.—Proper Psalm for Ash Wednesday (Mattins).

The Church Confesses her sad condition, which deserves God's anger.

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord | in thine | anger :
neither chasten me | in thy | heavy . dis- | -pleasure.

2 For thine arrows stick | fast in | me : and thy | hand |
presseth . me | sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh * because of | thy
dis- | -pleasure : neither is there any rest in my bones, by |
reason | of my | sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone | over . my | head :
and are like a sore burden too | heavy . for | me to | bear.

5 My wounds stink and | are cor- | -rupt : through | my |
foolish- | -ness.

6 I am brought into so great | trouble . and | misery :
that I go mourning | all the | day | long.

7 For my loins are filled with a | sore dis- | -ease : and there is nò | whole part | in my | body.

8 I am féeble and | sore | smitten : I have roared for the vèry dis- | -quietness | of my | heart.

She bewails her weakness and isolation, but without complaint.

9 Lord, thou knowest áll | my de- | -sire : and my gróaning | is not | hid from | thee.

10 My heart panteth, my stréngth hath | failed | me : and the síght of mine | eyes is | gone | from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand lóoking up- | on my | trouble : and my kínsmen | stood a- | -far | off.

12 They also that sought after my lífe laid | snares for | me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness * and imagined decéit | all the | day | long.

13 As for me, I was like a déaf | man and | heard not : and as one that is dúmb, who | doth not | open . his | mouth.

14 I became even as a mán that | heareth | not : and in whóse | mouth are | no re- | -proofs.

God surely will help her and so silence the triumphant joy of her enemies.

15 For in thee, O Lórd have I | put my | trust : thou shalt ánsver for | me O | Lord my | God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies * should not tríumph | over | me : for when my foot slipped * théy re- | -joiced | greatly . a- | -gainst me.

17 And I truly am sèt | in the | plague : and my héaviness is | ever | in my | sight.

18 For I' will con- | -fess my | wickedness : ánd be | sorry | for my | sin.

19 But mine enemies líve | and are | mighty : and they that hate me wróngfully | are | many . in | number.

20 They also that reward evil for góod | are a- | -gainst me : because I fólloiw the | thing that | good | is.

21 Forsake me nót O | Lord my | God : bé not | thou | far | from me.

22 Háste | thee to | help me : O Lórd | God of | my sal- | -vation.

PSALM XXXIX. *Dixi, custodiam.***How to meet sickness or death.**

Occasion.—*David, or some other sufferer, has been brought to the edge of the grave by serious sickness. Though taunted by the wicked, who assume that he has committed grievous sin, he says nothing. At last silence is unbearable, and he craves to know the meaning of it, and of the shortness of life. All that is revealed is that it is God's doing, and that his duty is to be silent and wait on God.*

Application.—*The Church uses this for the Burial of the Dead as containing the best help and comfort to those who are called upon to bear a heavy sorrow.*

Use.—*For the Service of the Burial of the Dead.
As an intercession for the sick of the Parish.*

Trouble to be met by silence unbroken except by prayer.

I SAID, I will take heed | to my | ways : that I' of- | fend not | in my | tongue.

2 I will keep my mouth as it wére | with a | bridle : while the un- | -godly . is | in my | sight.

3 I held my tóngue and | spake | nothing : I kept silence, yea, even from good words * bût it was | pain and | grief to | me.

4 My heart was hot within me * and while I was thus mûsing the | fire | kindled : and at the lást I | spake | with my | tongue ;

The longing to make the best use of life,

5 Lord, let me know mine end * and the númber | of my | days : that I may be certified how | long I | have to | live.

6 Behold, thou hast made my days as it wére a | span | long ; and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee * and verily, every man líving is | alto- | -gether | vanity.

7 For man walketh in a vain shadow * and disquieteth him- | -self in | vain : he heapeth up riches, and cãnot tell | who shall | gather | them.

and to be delivered from the Divine judgement on sin.

8 And now, Lórd what | is my | hope : trúly my | hope is | even . in | thee.

9 Deliver me from all mine offences : and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

10 I became dumb, and opened not my mouth : for it was thy doing.

11 Take thy plague away from me : I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin * thou makest his beauty to consume away * like as it were a moth fretting a garment : every man therefore is but vanity.

Spare! the only plea.

13 Hear my prayer O Lord * and with thine ears consider my calling : hold not thy peace at my tears.

14 For I am a stranger with thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

15 O spare me a little * that I may recover my strength : before I go hence, and be no more seen.

PSALM XL. *Expectans expectavi.*

The Mystery and Motive of the Passion.

Occasion.—*Writer and circumstances unknown. If David's, "then it would seem to belong to the later years of his outlaw life, shortly before he became king."*

Application.—*Part of it is directly applied by the Author of the Epistle to the Hebrews as predictive of the Messiah on His entering into the world, and the whole by the Church to His Passion.*

Use.—*Meditation on the Passion, with Intercession for the Church.*

The Resurrection, the Crown of the Atonement.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me and heard my calling.

2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit * out of the mire and clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

The Conversion of the world, its Effect.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth : even a thanks-giving unto our God.

4 Mány shall | see it . and | fear : and shall pút their | trust | in the | Lord.

5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hópe | in the | Lord : and turned not unto the proud * and to sűch as | go a- | -bout with | lies.

Devotion to the Father, its motive.

6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done * like as be also thy thóughts which | are to | us-ward : and yet there is no man that órdereth | them | unto | thee.

7 If I should decláre them and | speak of | them : they should be more than I' am | able | to ex- | -press.

8 Sacrifice and meat-óffering thou | wouldest | not : búť mine | ears | hast thou | opened.

9 Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin * hast thóu | not re- | -quired : thén | said I | Lo I | come.

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me * that I should fulfil thy wíll | O my | God : I am content to do it * yea thy lăw | is with- | -in my | heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the gréat | congre- | -gation : lo, I will not refrain my líps O | Lord and | that thou | knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness with- | -in my | heart : my talk hath been of thy trűth | and of | thy sal- | -vation.

13 I have not kept back thy lóving | mercy . and | truth : fróm the | great | congre- | -gation.

The Bearing of Human Sin, its Mystery.

14 Withdraw not thou thy mércy from | me O | Lord : let thy loving-kindness and thy trűth | al- | -way pre- | -serve me.

15 For innumerable troubles are come about me * my sins have taken such hold upon me * that I am not áble to | look | up : yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head * ánd my | heart hath | failed | me.

The Intercession, its prevailing Power.

16 O Lord, let it be thy pléasure to de- | -liver | me : máke | haste O | Lord to | help me.

17 Let them be ashamed and confounded together * that seek after my sôul | to de- | -stroy it : let them be driven backward * and pût to re- | -buke that | wish me | evil.

18 Let them be desolate, and re- | -warded . with | shame : that say unto me, Fie up- | -on thee | fie up- | -on thee.

19 Let all those that seek thee be jôyful and | glad in | thee : and let such as love thy salvation say âlway The | Lord | be | praised.

20 As for mé I am | poor and | needy : bût the | Lord | careth | for me.

21 Thou art my hêlper | and re- | -deemer : make nô long | tarrying | O my | God.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM XLI. *Beatus qui intelligit.*

A Blessing on the Compassionate.

Occasion.—*David contrasting the traitorous conduct of Ahithophel with the sympathy of his friends during sickness, invokes a benediction on all the compassionate.*

Application.—*The Church, recalling the cruel conduct of Judas to the Lord in His trouble (St. John xiii. 18), prays for a blessing on all who in any way help the distressed, and for judgement on those who take advantage of sickness to work mischief.*

Use.—*As a Benediction on those working in hospitals or amongst the poor.*

Blessing on the Compassionate.

BLESSED is he that considereth the | poor and | needy : the Lord shall deliver him | in the | time of | trouble.

2 The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive * that he may be blêssed up- | -on | earth : and deliver not thou him into the | will | of his | enemies.

3 The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick up- | -on his | bed : make thou âll his | bed | in his | sickness.

The recital of a sad experience.

4 I said, Lord, be mêrciful | unto | me : heal my soûl, for | I have | sinned . a- | -gainst thee.

5 Mine enemies sp  ak | evil | of me : When shall he
d  e | and his | name | perish ?

6 And if he come to s  e me he | speaketh | vanity :
and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself * and
when he c  meth | forth he | telleth | it.

7 All mine enemies whisper to- | -gether . a- | -gainst
me : even against m   do | they im- | -agine . this | evil.

8 Let the sentence of g  iltiness pro- | -ceed a- | -gainst
him : and now that he li  eth | let him . rise | up no | more.

9 Yea, even mine own familiar friend | whom I |
trusted : who did also eat of my br  ad, hath | laid great |
wait for | me.

Prayer that the malice of the treacherous may be defeated.

10 But be thou merciful   nto | me O | Lord : raise thou
me up ag  in | and I | shall re- | -ward them.

11 By this I kn  w thou | favourest | me : that mine
  nemy | doth not | triumph . a- | -gainst me.

12 And when I am in my health * th  u up- | -holdest |
me : and shalt s  t me be- | -fore thy | face for | ever.

13 Blessed be the L  rd | God of | Israel : w  rld
without | end. | A- | -men.

PSALM XLII. *Quemadmodum.*

An Exile's Prayer.

Occasion.—*The prayer of a devout exile expressing his longing for the temple services and his depression through the taunts of the ungodly by whom he is surrounded.*

Application.—*The Church here pleads for those who are cut off from spiritual help and means of grace and feel the pressure of difficulties and trials. Lonely colonists and public servants in heathen lands should be especially remembered.*

Use.—*An Act of Faith in God in times of depression.*

The longing for God increased by the thought of the grace once enjoyed.

LIKE as the h  rt de- | -sireth . the | water-brooks : so
longeth my s  ul | after | thee O | God.

2 My soul is athirst for God * yea,   ven for the |
living | God : when shall I come to app  ar be- | -fore the |
presence . of | God ?

3 My tears have been my m^{eat} | day and | night : while they daily s^{ay} unto me | Where is | now thy | God ?

4 Now when I think thereupon * I pour out my h^{ear}t | by my- | self : for I went with the multitude * and brought them f^{or}th | into . the | house of | God ;

5 In the voice of p^{ra}ise and | thanks- | -giving : am^{ong} | such as | keep | holy-day.

6 Why art thou so full of h^{ea}viness | O my | soul : and why art thou s^o dis- | -quiet- | -ed with- | -in me ?

7 P^{ut} thy | trust in | God : for I will yet give him th^{ank}s for the | help | of his | countenance.

Determination, in spite of storms of trouble, to think of God's Love in the past, and to trust Him with the future.

8 My God, my s^{ou}l is | vexed . with- | -in me : therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan ¹ * ^{and} the | little | hill of | Hermon.

9 One deep calleth another * because of the n^{oi}se | of the | water-pipes : all thy waves and s^{to}rms are | gone | over | me.²

10 The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness | in the | day-time : and in the night-season did I sing of him * and made my prayer ^unto the | God | of my | life.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength * Why hast thou for- | -gotten | me : why go I thus heavily * while the | ene- . -my op- | -presseth | me ?

12 My bones are smitten as^under | as . with a | sword : while mine enemies that t^{ro}uble me | cast me | in the | teeth ;

13 Namely, while they say d^{ai}ly | unto | me : Wh^{ere} | — is | now thy | God ?

14 Why art thou so v^{ex}ed | O my | soul : and why art thou s^o dis- | -quiet- | -ed with- | -in me ?

15 O p^{ut} thy | trust in | God : for I will yet thank him * which is the h^{el}p of my | countenance | and my | God.

¹ This is a mistranslation. It should be: "I remember thee from the land of Jordan and the Hermons [*i.e.*, the Hermon range] and the hill Mizar," this being the country where he was in exile. A good spiritual meaning, however, may be attached to the words as they stand, the Christian in his distress determining to remember his Lord as manifested in the river Jordan at His Baptism and at Hermon at His transfiguration.

² The exile's troubles seem to be rolling over his head like the torrents and eddies of the Jordan: one thing after another, as though, like the cataracts, they were beckoning one another on.

PSALM XLIII. *Judica me, Deus.*

As this is a continuation of the preceding Psalm, the same chant should be used.

Prayer for light and truth to guide him to the Covenanted Presence of God.

GIVE sentence with me O God * and defend my cause
agáinst the un- | -godly | people : O deliver me fróm
the de- | -ceitful . and | wicked | man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength * whý hast
thou | put me | from thee : and why go I so heavily *
while the | ene . my op- | -presseth | me ?

3 O send out thy light and thy trúth, that | they may |
lead me : and bring me unto thy hólý | hill and | to thy |
dwelling.

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God * even unto
the Gód of my | joy and | gladness : and upon the harp
will I give thanks unto thee O | God | my | God.

5 Why art thou so héavy | O my | soul : and why art
thou só dis- | -quiet- | -ed with- | -in me ?

6 O pút thy | trust in | God : for I will yet give him
thanks * which is the hêlp of my | countenance | and my |
God.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XLIV. *Deus, auribus.*

Loyalty untouched by Humiliation.

Occasion.—*The cry of Israel in some time of defeat and disastrous humiliation.*

Application.—*The cry of the Catholic Church, whether in Europe, the East, or the Mission Field, on being apparently overmastered by secularism or worldliness.*

Use.—*As an Intercession for a Church under trial at home or abroad.*

What God has done for the Church in the past.

WE have heard with our ears O Gód, our | fathers .
have | told us : what thou hast dóné | in their |
time of | old ;

2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy
hand * and plánted | them | in : how thou hast destróyed
the | nations . and | cast them | out.

3 For they gat not the land in possession * through their | own | sword : neither was it their own | arm that | helped | them ;

4 But thy right hand and thine arm * and the light | of thy | countenance : because thou hádst a | favour | unto | them.

Such a history fills her with confidence.

5 Thóu art my | King O | God : sênd | help | unto | Jacob.

6 Through thee will we óver- | -throw our | enemies : and in thy Name will we tread them únder that | rise | up a- | -gainst us.

7 For I will not trúst | in my | bow : it is nót my | sword | that shall | help me ;

8 But it is thou that sávest us | from our | enemies : and púttest them | to con- | -fusion . that | hate us.

9 We make our boast of Gód | all day | long : ánd will | praise thy | Name for | ever.

Contrast between the past and present.

10 But now thou art far off * and púttest us | to con- | fusion : and góest not | forth | with our | armies.

11 Thou makest us to turn our bácks up- | -on our | enemies : so that théy which | hate us | spoil our | goods.

12 Thou lettest us be éaten | up like | sheep : and hast scáattered | us a- | -mong the | heathen.

13 Thou séllest thy | people . for | nought : ánd | takest . no | money | for them.

14 Thou makest us to be rebúked | of our | neighbours : to be laughed to scorn * and had in derision of thém | that are | round a- | -bout us.

15 Thou makest us to be a bý-word a- | -mong the | heathen : and that the péople | shake their | heads | at us.

16 My confútion is | daily . be- | -fore me : and the sháme of my | face hath | covered | me.

17 For the voice of the slánderer | and blas- | -phemer : fór the | enemy | and a- | -venger.

Her loyalty proves unshaken in spite of defeat,

18 And though all this be come upon us * yêt do we |
not for- | -get thee : nor behâve ourselves | frowardly |
in thy | covenant.

19 Our hêart is not | turnéd | back : neither our | steps
gone | out of . thy | way ;

20 No, not when thou hast smitten us into the | place
of | dragons : and côvered us | with the | shadow . of |
death.

21 If we have forgotten the Name of our God * and
holden up our hânds to any | strange | god : shall not God
search it out * for he knoweth the vêry | secrets | of the |
heart.

22 For thy sake also are we killed | all the . day | long :
and are counted as shêep ap- | -pointed | to be | slain.

and constitutes a ground for help.

23 Up, Lórd, why | sleepest | thou : awake, and bê not |
absent . from | us for | ever.

24 Wherefore hîdest | thou thy | face : and forgêtest
our | mise- | -ry and | trouble ?

25 For our soul is brought lów even | unto . the | dust :
our bélly | cleaveth | unto . the | ground.

26 Aríse | and | help us : and deliver us | for thy |
mercy's | sake.

PSALM XLV. *Eructavit cor meum.*

A Great Mystery concerning Christ and the Church.

Occasion.—*A poem to celebrate the marriage of Solomon with the daughter of the King of Egypt, a matter of great political importance to Israel.*

Application.—*The mystical Marriage of Christ with His Church through the Incarnation. Though effected by the Word taking Flesh, it is regarded here, as in the New Testament, as prospective.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Christmas Day.*

Greatness of the Subject.

MY heart is inditing of a | good | matter : I speak of the
things which I' have | made | unto . the | King.

2 My tóngue | is the | pen : óf | — a | ready | writer.

The Moral Beauty and Victorious Might of the Son of Man.

3 Thou art fairer than the | children . of | men : full of
grace are thy lips * because Gód hath | blessed | thee for |
ever.

4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh O | thou
most | Mighty : accórding to thy | worship | and re- | -nown.

5 Good lúck have thou | with thine | honour : ride on,
because of the word of truth * of meekness and righteous-
ness * and thy right hánd shall | teach thee | terrible |
things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp * and the people shall be
subdúed | unto | thee : even in the mídst a- | -mong the |
King's | enemies.

His Divinity and the Sovereignty that was won through death.

7 Thy seat, O Gód en- | -dureth . for | ever : the
sceptre of thy kíngdom | is a | right | sceptre.

8 Thou hast loved righteousness and | hated . in- |
iquity : wherefore God, even thy God * hath anointed thee
with the óil of | gladness . a- | -bove thy | fellows.

9 All thy garments smell of myrrh | aloes . and |
cassia : out of the ivory palaces * whereby | they have |
made thee | glad.

10 Kings' daughters were among thy hónor- | -able |
women : upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a
vesture of gold * wróught a- | -bout with | divers | colours.

The Church exhorted to give herself without reserve to Him.

11 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, in- | -cline
thine | ear : forget also thine own péople | and thy |
father's | house.

12 So shall the King have pléasure | in thy | beauty :
for he is thy Lord Gód, and | worship | thou | him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be thére | with a |
gift : like as the rich also among the people * shall máke
their | suppli- | -cation . be- | -fore thee.

14 The King's daughter is all glóri- | -ous with- | -in : her
clóthing | is of | wrought | gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in | raiment . of | needle-work : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company * and shall be | brought | unto | thee.

16 With joy and gládnness shall | they be | brought : and shall enter | into . the | King's | palace.

Her Lord's great future.

17 Instead of thy fáthers thou | shalt have | children : whom thou máyest make | princes . in | all | lands.

18 I will remember thy Name from one generátion | to an- | other : therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee | world with- | -out | end.

PSALM XLVI. *Deus noster refugium.*

God, our only Hope.

Occasion.—*A Thanksgiving for the miraculous destruction of the host of Sennacherib in the reign of Hezekiah.*

Application.—*A Thanksgiving for the destruction of Death by the Resurrection.*

Use.—*When difficulties press.*

God, the Church's hope in the uttermost trial.

GÓD is our | hope and | strength : a véry | present | help in | trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the | earth be | moved : and though the hills be carried into the | midst | of the | sea.

3 Though the waters thereof | rage and | swell : and though the mountains sháke at the | tempest | of the | same.

The Presence of His Spirit gives her joy in spite of the attacks of the world.

4 The rivers of the flood¹ thereof, shall make glád the | city . of | God : the holy place of the tábernacle | of the | most | Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her * therefore shall she nôt | be re- | -moved : Gód shall | help her . and | that right | early.

¹ Referring to the Siloam stream, which was an image of perpetual refreshment to the dry highland city of Jerusalem.

6 The heathen make much adô and the | kingdoms .
are | moved : but God hath shewed his vóice and the |
earth shall | melt a- | -way.

7 The Lórd of | hosts is | with us : the Gód of | Jacob |
is our | refuge.

What God has already done, a pledge of what He will do.

8 O come hither, and behold the wórks | of the | Lord :
what destruction hé hath | brought up- | -on the | earth.

9 He maketh wars to cêase in | all the | world : he
breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder * and
búrneth the | chariots | in the | fire.

Quiet confidence, the Church's best attitude.

10 Be still then, and knów that | I am | God : I will be
exalted among the heathen * and I* will be ex- | -alted |
in the | earth.

11 The Lórd of | hosts is | with us : the Gód of | Jacob |
is our | refuge.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM XLVII. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

The Ascension and Christ's Universal Sovereignty.

Occasion.—*Thanksgiving for the miraculous destruction of
Sennacherib's host.*

Application.—*Thanksgiving for the Victory over Death and the
consequent Ascension of the Conqueror.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ascension Day (Evensong).*

Praise God for the Triumph of Christ.

O CLAP your hands togéther | all ye | people : O sing
unto Gód | with the | voice of | melody.

2 For the Lord is high and | to be | feared : he is the
great Kíng up- | -on | all the | earth.

3 He shall subdue the péople | under | us : ánd the |
nations | under . our | feet.

4 He shall choose óut an | heritage | for us : even the
wórship of | Jacob | whom he | loved.

His Ascension and Sovereignty.

5 God is gone up with a | merry | noise : and the Lórd
with the | sound | of the | trump.

6 O sing praises, sing práises | unto . our | God : O sing
práises, sing | praises | unto . our | King.

7 For God is the Kíng of | all the | earth : síng ye |
praises . with | under- | -standing.

8 God réigneth | over . the | heathen : God sítteth
up- | -on his | holy | seat.

Christ being lifted up, draws all men unto Him.

9 The princes of the people * are joined unto the péople
of the | God of | Abraham : for God which is very high
exalted * doth defend the éarth as it | were | with a |
shield.

PSALM XLVIII. *Magnus Dominus.*

The Holy Ghost, the Comfort and Stay of the Church.

Occasion.—*Thanksgiving for the miraculous destruction of
Sennacherib's host.*

Application.—*Thanksgiving for the Victory of Christ over Death
and the Gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Usc.—*For Whit Sunday (Mattins).*

The Presence of the Ascended Christ gives glory to the Church ;

GREAT is the Lord, and highly | to be | praised : in
the city of our God * éven up- | -on his | holy | hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place * and the jóy of
the | whole | earth : upon the north-side lieth the city of
the great King * God is well known in her pálaces | as a |
sure | refuge.

But causes fear to the ungodly, whose designs are broken.

3 For lo, the kíngs | of the | earth : are gáthered and |
gone | by to- | -gether.

4 They márvelled to | see such | things : they were
astónished and | sudden- . -ly | cast | down.

5 Fear came thére upon | them and | sorrow : as upón
a | woman | in her | travail.

6 Thou shalt break the ships | of the | sea : thróugh | —
the | east- | -wind.

7 Like as we have heard * so have we seen in the city
of the Lord of hosts * in the city | of our | God : Gód
up- | -holdeth . the | same for | ever.

The Gift of the Spirit patiently waited for, and found to be the Church's
Joy and Security.

8 We wait for thy lóving- | -kindness . O | God : ín the |
midst of | thy | temple.

9 O God according to thy Name * so is thy praise
únto the | world's | end : thy right | hand is | full of |
righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice * and the dáughter of |
Judah . be | glad : bê- | -cause of | thy | judgements.

11 Walk about Sion, and gó | round a- | -bout her :
ánd | tell the | towers there- | -of.

12 Mark well her bulwarks, sèt | up her | houses : that ye
may téll | them that | come | after.

13 For this God is our Gód for | ever . and | ever : he
shall bê our | guide | unto | death.

PSALM XLIX. *Audite hæc, omnes.*

A Parable of Wisdom.

Subject.—*Social inequalities explained by the hope of a Future State.*

Application.—*A lesson for the wealthy and poor.*

Use.—*At all times.*

The Lesson of Universal Application.

○ HEAR ye this | all ye | people : ponder it with your
ears * all yê that | dwell | in the | world ;

2 High and lów | rich and | poor : óne | with | an- |
other.

3 My móuth shall | speak of | wisdom : and my héart
shall | muse of | under- | -standing.

4 I will incline mine éar | to the | parable : and shêw
my dark | speech up- | -on the | harp.

Why fear wealth, the power of which is limited by the grave?

5 Wherefore should I fear in the | days of | wickedness :
and when the wickedness of my heels¹ compasseth | me |
round a- | -bout ?

6 There be some that put their trust | in their | goods :
and boast themselves in the | multi- . -tude | of their |
riches.

7 But no man may de- | -liver . his | brother : nor make
agreement | unto | God | for him ;

8 For it cost more to re- | -deem their | souls : so that
he must let | that a- | -lone for | ever ;

9 Yea, though he | live | long : and | see | not the |
grave.

10 For he seeth that wise men also die and | perish .
to- | -gether : as well as the ignorant and foolish and | leave
their | riches . for | other.

11 And yet they think that their houses shall con- |
tinue . for | ever : and that their dwelling-places shall
endure from one generation to another * and call the lands |
after . their | own | names.

12 Nevertheless, man will not a- | -bide in | honour :
seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish |
this . is the | way of | them.

Death cannot, however, touch the righteous, who alone have power
on the Resurrection Morning.

13 This | is their | foolishness : and their | pos- | -terity |
praise their | saying.

14 They lie in the hell like sheep² * death gnaweth upon
them * and the righteous shall have domination over them |
in the | morning : their beauty shall consume in the |
sepulchre | out of . their | dwelling.

15 But God hath delivered my soul from the | place of |
hell : for | he | shall re- | -ceive me.

Wealth then neither to be feared nor coveted.

16 Be not thou afraid * though one be | made | rich : or
if the glory of his | house | be in- | -creased ;

¹ "Wickedness of my heels," *i.e.*, "my persecutors, those who follow so closely on me as to tread on my heels."

² "In hell like sheep," *i.e.*, in the grave, like the helpless sheep in the slaughter-house.

17 For he shall carry nothing away with him | when he | dieth : neither shall his | pomp | follow | him.

18 For while he lived * he counted himself an | happy | man : and so long as thou doest well unto thyself * men will | speak | good of | thee.

19 He shall follow the generation | of his | fathers : and shall | never | see | light.

20 Man being in honour hath nō | under- | -standing : but is comparēd | unto . the | beasts that | perish.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM L. *Deus deorum.*

A Vision of Judgement.

Occasion.—*A prophetic utterance against the religious formalism into which Josiah's Reformation had degenerated.*

Application.—*The Church's warning against formal worship and godless communions.*

Use.—*Suitable for Advent season.*

Christ comes forth in His moral perfection to judge His people.

THE Lord, even the most mighty | God hath | spoken : and called the world, from the rising up of the sun * unto the | going | down there- | -of.

2 Out of Sion hath | God ap- | -peared : in | per- | -fect | beauty.

3 Our God shall cōme and shall | not keep | silence : there shall go before him a consuming fire * and a mighty tempest shall be | stirred . up | round a- | -bout him.

4 He shall call the hēaven | from a- | -bove : and the ēarth, that | he may | judge his | people.

5 Gather my saints togēther | unto | me : those that have made a cōve- | -nant with | me with | sacrifice.

6 And the hēavens shall de- | -clare his | righteousness : fōr | God is | Judge him- | -self.

The judgement on Formal Worship.

7 Hear, O my pēople and | I will | speak : I myself will testify against thee O Israel * for I am Gōd | even | thy | God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices * or
fôr thy | burnt- | -offerings : becâuse they | were not |
always . be- | -fore me.

9 I will take no búllock | out of . thine | house : nôr |
he-goat | out of . thy | folds.

10 For all the bêasts of the | forest . are | mine : and so
are the câttle up- | -on a | thousand | hills.

11 I know all the fôwls up- | -on the | mountains : and
the wild bêasts of the | field are | in my | sight.

12 If I be hungry, I' will | not tell | thee : for the whole
world is mîne, and | all that | is there- | -in.

13 Thinkest thou that I' will | eat bulls' | flesh : ând |
drink the | blood of | goats ?

14 Offer unto Gôd | thanks- | -giving : and pay thy vóws |
unto . the | most | Highest.

15 And call upon mé in the | time of | trouble : so will I
hêar thee and | thou shalt | praise | me.

Judgement on godless Communions.

16 But unto the ungôdly | said | God : Why dost thou
preach my laws * and tâkest my | covenant | in thy | mouth ;

17 Whereas thou hâtest to | be re- | -formed : ând hast |
cast my | words be- | -hind thee ?

18 When thou sawest a thief * thou consêntedst | unto |
him : and hast bêen par- | -taker | with . the a- | -dulterers.

19 Thou hast lêt thy | mouth speak | wickedness : and
with thy tóngue thou hast | set | forth de- | -ceit.

20 Thou satest, and spâkest a- | -gainst thy | brother :
yea, and hast slândered thine | own | mother's | son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue *
and thou thoughtest wickedly that I am even sùch a one |
as thy- | -self : but I will reprove thee * and set befóre thee
the | things that | thou hast | done.

The Divine Requirement—A thankful spirit and a good life.

22 O consider this, yê that for- | -get | God : lest I pluck
you away * and there be nône | to de- | -liver | you.

23 Whoso offereth me thanks and práise he | honoureth |
me : and to him that ordereth his conversation ríght will I |
shew the . sal- | -vation . of | God.

PSALM LI. *Miserere mei, Deus.***The Cry of the Penitent.**

Occasion.—*David's Penitence after receiving Nathan's assurance, "Thou shalt not die."*

Application.—*The Penitent's prayer for cleansing for himself, and discipline for the Church.*

Use.—*Proper for Ash Wednesday.*

The Prayer for mercy based on confession.

HAVE mercy upon me O God * âfter thy | great | goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies, dô a- | -way | mine of- | -fences.

2 Wash me thróughly | from my | wickedness : ánd | cleanse me | from my | sin.

3 For I' ac- | -knowledge . my | faults : ánd my | sin is | ever . be- | -fore me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned * and done this évil | in thy | sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy sáying and | clear when | thou art | judged.

Hereditary sin no bar to God's Grace.

5 Behóld I was | shapen . in | wickedness : and in sín hath my | mother . con- | -ceived | me.

6 But lo, thou requirest trúth in the | inward | parts : and shalt make me to únder- | -stand | wisdom | secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop * ánd I | shall be | clean : thou shalt wash me * ánd I | shall be | whiter . than | snow.

8 Thou shalt make me héar of | joy and | gladness : that the bones which thóu hast | broken | may re- | -joice.

Longing for renewal and spiritual freedom,

9 Turn thy fáce | from my | sins : and pút out | all | my mis- | -deeds.

10 Make me a cléan | heart O | God : ánd re- | -new a . right | spirit . with- | -in me.

11 Cast me not awáy | from thy | presence : and táke not thy | holy | Spírit | from me.

12 O give me the cômfort of thy | help a- | -gain : and stáblish me | with thy | free | Spirit.

that the penitent may teach others and praise God.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways | unto . the | wicked :
and sinners shall be con- | -verted | unto | thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness O God * thou that
art the Góð | of my | health : and my tóngue shall | sing |
of thy | righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my | lips O | Lord : and my | mouth
shall | shew thy | praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice * else would I | give it |
thee : but thou delightest | not in | burnt- | -offerings.

17 The sacrifice of Góð is a | troubled | spirit : a broken
and contrite heart, O Góð | shalt thou | not de- | -spise.

Prayer for the Church that her discipline may be restored.

18 O be favourable and grácious | unto | Sion : build
thou the | walls | of Je- | -rusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of
righteousness * with the burnt-offerings | and ob- | -lations :
then shall they offer young | bullocks . up- | -on thine |
altar.

PSALM LII. *Quid gloriaris ?*

Denunciation of Slander.

Occasion.—*According to the Inscription, a denunciation of Doeg,
the Edomite, when he betrayed David.*

Application.—*The Church's judgement of evil speaking in high
places.*

Use.—*For the Church under misrepresentation.*

The Church rebukes Calumny for its slanderous libels on God's character
and prophesies its destruction.

WHY boastest thou thy- | -self thou | tyrant : that |
thou canst | do | mischief ;

2 Whereás the | goodness . of | God : en- | -dureth |
yet | daily ?

3 Thy tóngue im- | -agineth | wickedness : and with lies
thou cuttest | like a | sharp | razor.

4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness | more than | good-
ness : and to talk of | lies | more than | righteousness.

5 Thou hast loved to speak all wórd's that I may do I hurt : O' I — thou I fálse I tongue.

6 Therefore shall God destróy I thee for I ever : he shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling * and root thee out of the I land I of the I living.

Though fearing the Judgement, she confides in God.

7 The righteous also shall sée I this and I fear : and shall I laugh I him to I scorn ;

8 Lo, this is the man that took not Gó'd I for his I strength : but trusted unto the multitude of his riches * and strénghened him- I -self I in his I wickedness.

9 As for me, I am like a green olive-trée in the I house of I God : my trust is in the tender mércy of I God for I ever . and I ever.

10 I will always give thanks unto thee for thát I thou hast I done : and I will hope in thy Name, fôr thy I saints I like it I well.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM LIII. *Dixit insipiens.* (Compare PSALM xiv.)

Cry for freedom to battle with moral unbelief.

Occasion.—*An adaptation of Psalm xiv, to meet some time of special distress due to widespread unbelief.*

Application.—*To the Church in our large cities feeling the growth of unbelief and her powerlessness to check it.*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

The folly and immoral character of unbelief.

THE foolish body hath sâid I in his I heart : Thêre I is I no I God.

2 Corrupt are they * and become abóminable I in their I wickedness : thêre is I none that I doeth I good.

3 God looked down from heaven upôn the I children of I men : to see if there were any that would understând, and I seek I after I God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way * they are altogether be- | -come a- | -bominable : there is also none that dôeth | good | no not | one.

5 Are not they without understanding that | work | wickedness : eating up my people as if they would eat bread * they hâve not | called . up- | -on | God.

6 They were afraid where | no fear | was : for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee * thou hast put them to confusion * because Gôd | hath de- | spised | them.

Prayer that the Church may have spiritual freedom to cope with it.

7 Oh, that the salvation were given unto I'srael | out of | Sion : Oh, that the Lord would deliver his | people | out of . cap- | -tivity !

8 Thên should | Jacob . re- | -joice : and I'srael | should be | right | glad.

PSALM LIV. *Deus, in nomine.*

A Meditation on the Passion.

Occasion.—*According to the Inscription, probably a true tradition, written by David, when the Ziphites betrayed his hiding-place to Saul, and he was consequently in great peril.*

Application.—*By the Church to the Betrayal and Passion of Christ.*

Use.—*Good Friday (Mattins).*

Voice of Christ in His Passion.

SAVE me, O Gôd, for thy | Name's | sake : ând a- | venge me | in thy | strength.

2 Hêar my | prayer O | God : and hearken ûnto the | words | of my | mouth.

3 For strangers are risen | up a- | -gainst me : and tyrants, which have not God before their éyes | seek | after . my | soul.

Confidence in Victory.

4 Behold, Gôd | is my | helper : the Lord is with thém | that up- | -hold my | soul.

5 He shall reward évil | unto . mine | enemies : destrôy thou | them | in thy | truth.

Devotion to the Father.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee * and praise thy | Name O | Lord : bé- | -cause it | is so | comfortable.

7 For he hath delivered me out of | all my | trouble : and mine eye hath seen his de- | -sire up- | -on mine | enemies.

PSALM LV. *Exaudi, Deus.*

A Cruel Betrayal.

Occasion.—*According to the Title it was written by David. If so, it refers to the rebellion of Absalom and the treachery of Ahithophel. Others think that Jeremiah was the author and Pashur the treacherous friend.*

Application.—*The Church, having in mind the treachery of Judas and others, who for gain have betrayed Christ, prays for the confusion of all those who would sell her spiritual privileges.*

Use.—*At times of spiritual defection.*

The Church, pressed by her foes, is tempted to flee.

HÉAR my | prayer O | God : and hídē not thy- | -self from | my pe- | -tition.

2 Take hēed unto | me and | hear me : how I móurn in my | prayer | and am | vexed.

3 The enemy crieth so * and the ungodly cômeth | on so | fast : for they are minded to do me some mischief * so maliciously | are they | set a- | -gainst me.

4 My heart is disquiet- | -ed with- | -in me : and the fear of | death is | fallen . up- | -on me.

5 Fearfulness and trémbling are | come up- | -on me : and an horrible dréad hath | over- | -whelmed | me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings | like a | dove : for then would I flée a- | -way and | be at | rest.

7 Lo, then would I gét me a- | -way far | off : ánd re- | -main | in the | wilderness.

8 I would make háste | to es- | -cape : because of the | stormy | wind and | tempest.

She prays that the treachery may be discomfited,

9 Destroy their tongues O Lórd | and di- | -vide them :
for I have spied unrighteousness and | strife | in the |
city.

10 Day and night they go about within the | walls
there- | -of : mischief also and sórrow are | in the |
midst of | it.

11 Wickedness | is there- | -in : deceit and gúile | go not !
out of . their | streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy that hath dóned me | this
dis- | -honour : fôr | then I | could have | borne it.

13 Neither was it mine adversary * that did mágnify
him- | -self a- | -gainst me : for then, peradventure, I' would
have | hid my- | -self | from him.

14 But it was even thóu | my com- | -panion : my gúide
and mine | own fa- | -miliar | friend.

15 We tóok sweet | counsel . to- | -gether : and wálked
in the | house of | God as | friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them * and let them go
down quáick | into | hell : for wickedness is in their |
dwellings | and a- | -mong them.

and is sure that God will hear and save.

17 As for mé I will | call up- . -on | God : ánd the | Lord |
shall | save me.

18 In the evening and morning * and at noon-day will I
práy, and | that | instantly : ánd | he shall | hear my |
voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace * from
the báttle that | was a- | -gainst me : fôr | there were |
many | with me.

20 Yea, even God that endureth for ever * shall héar
me and | bring them | down : for they will not | turn nor |
fear | God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as bé at | peace with |
him : ánd he | brake | his | covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter *
having wár | in his | heart : his words were smoothen than
oil * and yét | be they | very | swords.

23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord * and hé shall |
nourish | thee : and shall not súffer the | righteous . to |
fall for | ever.

24 A'nd | as for | them : thou, O God, shalt bring them
into the | pit | of de- | -struction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men * shall not live
out | half their | days : nevertheless, my trúst shall |
be in | thee O | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LVI. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

Social Distress.

Occasion.—*According to the Inscription it was written by David when suffering from Saul's hostility. Other words in the Title show that it was afterwards adapted and used as a prayer of the Nation in exile.*

Application.—*The voice of the Church in our great cities praying against the social evils which threaten her existence.*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

The Church's Prayer against social evils.

BE merciful unto me, O God * for man goeth about |
to de- | -vour me : he is dâily | fighting . and |
troubling | me.

Her trust that God will help her, in spite of the misrepresentations of her
enemies.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hánd to | swallow . me |
up : for they be many that fight against | me O | thou most |
Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am | sometime . a- | -fraid :
yét put | I my | trust in | thee.

4 I will praise God, because | of his | word : I have put
my trust in God * and will not féar what | flesh can | do .
unto | me.

5 They dâily mis- | -take my | words : all that they
imâgine | is to | do me | evil.

6 They hold all together and | keep them- . -selves | close :
and mark my steps * when they lay | wait | for my | soul.

7 Shall they esc  pe | for their | wickedness : thou O G  d in thy dis- | -pleasure . shalt | cast them | down.

8 Thou tellest my flittings * put my t  ars | into . thy | bottle : are not th  se things | noted | in thy | book ?

She therefore rejoices, and pays her vows.

9 Whensoever I call upon thee * then shall mine   nemies be | put to | flight : this I kn  w, for | God is | on my | side.

10 In God's w  rd will | I re- | -joice : in the L  rd's word | will I | comfort | me.

11 Yea, in G  d have I | put my | trust : I will not be afr  id what | man can | do . unto | me.

12 Unto thee, O G  d will I | pay my | vows : unto th  e | will I | give | thanks.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from d  ath and my | feet from | falling : that I may walk before G  d in the | light | of the | living.

PSALM LVII. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

The Power of His Resurrection.

Occasion.—*According to the Inscription, when David fled before Saul into the cave.*

Application.—*The Church feels herself entangled in the fearful social evils that are now eating away her life, and appeals to the Risen Lord to manifest His Resurrection Power.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day (Mattins).*

Prayer that the power of the Redeemer may be realized in a suffering world.

BE merciful unto me O God * be merciful unto me, for my s  ul | trusteth . in | thee : and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge * until this | tyranny . be | over- | -past.

2 I will c  ll unto the | most high | God : even unto the God that shall perform the c  use | which I | have in | hand.

3 H   shall | send from | heaven : and save me from the reproof of h  m | that would | eat me | up.

4 God shall send f  rth his | mercy . and | truth : my s  ul | is a- | -mong | lions.

5 And I lie even among the children of mēn that are | set on | fire¹ : whose teeth are spears and arrows * and their | tongue a | sharp | sword.

6 Set up thyself, O Gód a- | -bove the | heavens : and thy glóry a- | -bove | all the | earth.

The Church, seeing its glorious effects, rejoices.

7 They have laid a net for my feet * and prēssed | down my | soul : they have digged a pit before me * and are fallen ínto the | midst of | it them- | -selves.

8 My heart is fixed O Gód my | heart is | fixed : I' will | sing and | give | praise.

9 Awake up my glory * awáke | lute and | harp : I mysel'f | will a- | -wake right | early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lórd a- | -mong the | people : and I will sīng unto | thee a- | -mong the | nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy réacheth | unto . the | heavens : and thy | truth | unto . the | clouds.

12 Set up thyself, O Gód a- | -bove the | heavens : and thy glóry a- | -bove | all the | earth.

PSALM LVIII. *Si vere utique.*

Social injustice rebuked.

Occasion.—*A fierce denunciation of injustice in high places, possibly by some of David's friends, when Absalom pretended zeal for justice whilst meditating abominable treachery.*

Application.—*No greater harm is done to the Church than by those in high places who profess zeal for righteousness but whose influence is really against it.*

Use.—*For the Church in difficulties.*

The Hypocrisy of false moral leaders revealed.

ARE your minds set upon righteousness * O' ye | congre- | -gation : and do ye judge the thing that is right | O ye | sons of | men ?

¹ "Children of men that are set on fire," i.e., who are as dangerous as lighted torches in a gunpowder vault.

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your héart up- | -on the | earth : ánd your | hands | deal with | wickedness.

3 The ungodly are froward * even fróm their | mother's | womb : as soon as they are born * they gó a- | -stray and | speak | lies.

4 They are as venomous as the póison | of a | serpent : even like the déaf | adder . that | stoppeth . her | ears ;

5 Which refuseth to hear the vóice | of the | charmer : chárm he | never | so | wisely.

Prayer that their power and influence may be broken.

6 Break their teeth O God in their mouths * smite the jaw-bónes of the | lions . O | Lord : let them fall away like water that runneth apace * and when they shoot their árrows | let them . be | rooted | out.

7 Let them consume away like a snail * and be like the untimely frúit | of a | woman : ánd | let them . not | see the | sun.

8 Or ever your póts be made | hot with | thorns : so let indignation vex him * éven as a | thing | that is | raw.¹

The joy of the righteous when justice is vindicated.

9 The righteous shall rejóice when he | seeth . the | vengeance : he shall wash his footsteps ín the | blood of | the un- | -godly.

10 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a rewárd | for the | righteous : doubtless there is a | God that | judgeth . the | earth.

¹ Correct translation : Before your pots can feel the thorns. He shall take them away with a whirlwind, *i.e.*, in a moment God will scatter the wicked. The remainder of the verse is very obscure. General meaning given in Prayer Book fairly clear. David longs for a speedy punishment. Even before a pot on the fire has time to feel the warmth of the crackling thorns beneath, even so quickly may Go*d*'s wrath punish the wicked, and with some such wearing, fretting pain as a painful sore gives.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LIX. *Eripe me de inimicis.*

Slander met by Prayer and Praise.

Occasion.—Possibly written by David with reference to his escape from Saul's messengers when Michal let him down through a window. Afterwards adapted by a later writer to suit some national trouble.

Application.—A prayer for deliverance from the contemptuous slanders aimed at the very life of the Church.

Use.—For the Church when misrepresented.

The Church's Prayer against those who are destroying her life.

DELIVER me from mine énemies | O | God : defend
me from thém that | rise, | up a- | -gainst me.

2 O deliver me fróm the | wicked | doers : and sáve
me | from the | blood-thirsty | men.

3 For lo, they lie wáiting | for my | soul : the mighty
men are gathered against me * without any offénce or |
fault of | me O | Lord.

4 They run and prepare themsélves with- | -out my |
fault : arise thou thérefore to | help me | and be- | -hold.

5 Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel *
to visit | all the | heathen : and be not merciful unto them
that offénd | of ma- | -licious | wickedness.

Their contemptuous actions and words meet with Divine judgement.

6 They go to and fró | in the | evening : they grin like a
dog, and rún a- | -bout | through the | city.

7 Behold they speak with their mouth * and swórd's are |
in their | lips : fôr | who | doth | hear ?

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt háve them | in de- | -rision :
and thou shalt láugh | all the | heathen . to | scorn.

9 My strength will I ascríbe | unto | thee : for thóu art
the | God | of my | refuge.

A Prayer for such chastisement as may lead to their conversion.

10 God shéweth me his | goodness | plenteously : and
God shall let me sée my de- | -sire up- | -on mine | enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my | people . for- | -get it : but scatter them abroad among the people * and put them down O | Lord | our de- | -fence.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips * they shall be taken | in their | pride : and why * their preaching | is of | cursing . and | lies.

13 Consume them in thy wrath * consume them that | they may | perish : and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob * and unto the | ends | of the | world.

Contrast between the restlessness of the wicked, and the quiet confidence of the Church.

14 And in the evening they | will re- | -turn : grin like a dog and will | go a- | -bout the | city.

15 They will run here and | there for | meat : and grudge | if they | be not | satisfied.

16 As for me, I will sing of thy power * and will praise thy mercy betimes | in the | morning : for thou hast been my defence and refuge * in the | day | of my | trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength | will I | sing : for thou, O God, art my refuge | and my | merciful | God.

PSALM LX. *Deus, repulisti nos.*

Courage through the Cross and the Divine Promise.

Occasion.—*Probably written when, owing to Israel's defeat by Edom in the South, David feared that the national existence was threatened.*

Application.—*The Church, realizing her weak and divided state and the menace of a great danger, prays that Christ will fulfil His promise and lead her forth into battle.*

Use.—*In time of ecclesiastical or national distress.*

The Church, divided and stupefied, finds hope in the Cross,

O GOD, thou hast cast us out * and scattered | us a- | -broad : thou hast also been displeased * O turn thee | unto | us a- | -gain.

2 Thou hast moved the land and di- | -vided | it : heal the sores there- | -of | for it | shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people | heavy | things : thou hast given us a | drink of | deadly | wine.

4 Thou hast given a tôken for | such as | fear thee : that they may trîumph be- | -cause | of the | truth.

5 Therefore were thy be- | -loved . de- | -livered : hêlp me with | thy right | hand and | hear me.

and in an old Promise of Triumph.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness * I will rejôice and di- | -vide | Sichem : and mête | out the | valley . of | Succoth.

7 Gilead is mîne and Ma- | -nasses . is | mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my hêad | Judah | is my | lawgiver ;

8 Moab is my wash-pot * over Edom will I cást | out my | shoe : Philistia | be thou | glad of | me.¹

Confident she calls for a leader to attack Satan's stronghold.

9 Who will lead me into the | strong | city : whô will | bring me | into | Edom ?

10 Hast not thou cást us | out O | God : wilt not thou, O Gôd go | out | with our | hosts ?

11 O be thôu our | help in | trouble : for vâin | is the | help of | man.

12 Through Gôd will we | do great | acts : for it is hé that shall | tread | down our | enemies.

PSALM LXI. *Exaudi, Deus.*

Safety only in God.

Occasion.—*After the battle of Ephraim, when Absalom was killed. David, in sorrow at his death, prays that the mercy of victory may lead to a permanent peace.*

Application.—*The Church, encouraged by some success, prays to be built up on Christ and that the gates of Hell may never prevail against Him.*

Use.—*For Missionary gatherings after the news of some success.*

The Church prays to be set up on the Rock of Ages.

HÉAR my | crying . O | God : gîve | ear | unto . my | prayer.

¹ God had said the whole of Canaan should be given into the hands of His people. Sichem on the West and Succoth on the East of Jordan, stood for Israel. Of the outlying portions Moab is compared to a basin in which the conqueror washes his hands, and Philistia the ground on which he throws his shoes, *i.e.*, they are Israel's ignominious vassals. The promise to the Church is vastly more extensive, and we think of India, China, and Japan, as subjected to the Cross.

2 From the ends of the éarth will I | call up- . -on | thee : wên my | heart | is in | heaviness.

3 O set me up upon the rôck that is | higher . than | I : for thou hast been my hope * and a strong tówer for | me a- | -gainst the | enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy táber- | -nacle . for | ever : and my trust shall be únder the | covering | of thy | wings.

Past experience gives her confidence.

5 For thou O Lord, hast héard | my de- | -sires : and hast given an heritage únto | those that | fear thy | Name.

6 Thou shalt grant the Kíng a | long | life : that his years may endúre throughout | all | gener- | -ations.

7 He shall dwéll before | God for | ever : O prepare thy loving mercy and fáithfulness | that they | may pre- | serve him.

8 So will I always sing práise | unto . thy | Name : that I' may | daily per- | -form my | vows.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXII. *Nonne Deo ?*

Spiritual Jealousy and Quiet Faith.

Occasion.—Possibly written by David when his exaltation in the court of Saul stirred up adversaries.

Application.—To the Church at home and abroad when attacked by those who envy the position God has given her. She meets it by quiet prayer and work.

Use.—In times of difficulty.

Quiet confidence in God, in spite of the malice of enemies.

MY soul truly wáiteth | still up- . -on | God : for of hím | cometh | my sal- | -vation.

2 He verily is my stréngth and | my sal- | -vation : he is my defence, sô that I | shall not | greatly | fall.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief agáinst | every | man : ye shall be slain all the sort of you * yea as a tottering wall shall ye bé, and | like a | broken | hedge.

4 Their device is only how to put him out whom Góð | will ex- | -alt : their delight is in lies * they give good words with their móuth, but | curse | with their | heart.

5 Nevertheless my soul * wáit thou | still up- . -on | God : fór my | hope | is in | him.

6 He truly is my stréngth and | my sal- | -vation : he is my defénce | so that . I | shall not | fall.

7 In God is my héalth | and my | glory : the rock of my might * ánd in | God | is my | trust.

The certainty of God's assistance.

8 O put your trust in hím | alway . ye | people : pour out your hearts befóre him for | God | is our | hope.

9 As for the children of mên | they are . but | vanity : the children of men are deceitful upon the weights * they are altogether lighter than | vani- | -ty it- | -self.

10 O trust not in wrong and robbery * give not yoursêlves | unto | vanity : if riches increase, sêt | not your | heart up- | -on them.

11 God spake once, and twice I have álso | heard the | same : that pówér be- | -longeth | unto | God ;

12 And that thóu | Lord art | merciful : for thou rewardest every mán ac- | -cording | to his | work.

PSALM LXIII. *Deus, Deus meus.*

Thirst for God.

Occasion.—*David, cut off from the Tabernacle by the rebellion of Absalom, longs for the manifested Presence of God.*

Application.—*To those who by force of circumstances are deprived of the means of grace, or are suffering from spiritual depression.*

Use.—*An Intercession for the dispersed amongst the heathen.*

The Church longing for the full realization of God's Presence.

O GÓD thou art | my | God : éarly | will I | seek | thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee * my flesh also lóngeth | after | thee : in a barren and dry lánd | where no | water | is.

3 Thus have I lóoked for | thee in | holiness : that I might be- | -hold thy | power . and | glory.

His Love is better than life.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the | life
it- | -self : my | lips | shall | praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I magnify thee | on this |
manner : and lift up my | hands in | thy | Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied * even as it were with |
marrow . and | fatness : when my mouth praiseth |
thee with | joyful | lips.

7 Have I not remembered thee | in my | bed : and
thought upon | thee when | I was | waking?

8 Because thou hast | been my | helper : therefore
under the shadow of thy | wings will | I re- | -joice.

9 My soul | hangeth . up- | -on thee : thy right hand |
hath up- | -holden | me.

Judgement awaits those that would oppose her.

10 These also that seek the hurt | of my | soul :
they shall | go | under . the | earth.

11 Let them fall upon the edge | of the | sword : that
they may | be a | portion . for | foxes.

12 But the King shall rejoice in God * all they also that
swear by him shall | be com- | -mended : for the mouth of
them that speak | lies | shall be | stopped.

PSALM LXIV. *Exaudi, Deus.*

Certainty of the Divine Judgement on sin.

Occasion.—*Probably written by David during the rebellion of Absalom. Shimci's behaviour gives an illustration of the malicious words said against the King.*

Application.—*The Church's prayer against the malicious attacks made upon her when in weakness or trouble.*

Use.—*In times of difficulty.*

The Church prays for help against the attacks of the world.

HEAR my voice, O Góð | in my | prayer : preserve my
life from | fear | of the | enemy.

2 Hide me from the gathering together | of the |
froward : and from the insur- | -rection . of | wicked |
doers ;

3 Who have whet their tóngue | like a | sword : and shoot out their árrows | even | bitter | words ;

4 That they may privily shoot at him | that is | perfect : suddenly dô they | hit him | and | fear not.

5 They encóurage them- | -selves in | mischief : and commune among themselves, how they may lay snares * and sáy that | no | man shall | see them.

6 They imagine wickedness and | practise | it : that they keep secret among themselves * every man in the | deep | of his | heart.

Certainty of the Divine Judgement.

7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a | swift | arrow : that | they | shall be | wounded.

8 Yea, their own tóngues shall | make them | fall : insomuch that whoso sêeth them shall | laugh | them to | scorn.

9 And all men that see it shall say, This hath | God | done : for they shall pérceive that | it is | his | work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord * and put his | trust in | him : and all they that are true of | heart | shall be | glad.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM LXV. *Te decet hymnus.*

Harvest Blessings.

Occasion.—*To celebrate the blessings of harvest when, the Assyrian host being destroyed, the Israelites were able once more to gather in their crops.*

Application.—*Thanksgiving for God's continued Providence in spite of national sin.*

Use.—*For Harvest Thanksgiving Services.*

Praise for God's mercies in Harvest.

THOU, O Gód art | praised . in | Sion : and unto thee shall the vów be per- | -formed | in Je- | -rusalem.

2 Thóu that | hearest . the | prayer : únto | thee shall | all flesh | come.

3 My misdéeds pre- | -vail a- | -gainst me : O' be thou | merciful | unto . our | sins.

4 Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest, and recéivest | unto | thee : he shall dwell in thy court * and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house * éven | of thy | holy | temple.

Nature and History alike show His Power and Wisdom.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness * O Gód of | our sal- | -vation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth * and of them that remáin | in the | broad | sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth | fast the | mountains : ánd is | girded . a- | -bout with | power.

7 Who stilleth the ráging | of the | sea : and the noise of his wáves and the | madness | of the | people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth * shall be afráid | at thy | tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the mórning and | evening . to | praise | thee.

Rain, sunshine, corn, and fruit, all are of God.

9 Thou visitest the éarth and | blessest | it : thóu | makest . it | very | plenteous.

10 The river of Gód is | full of | water : thou preparest their corn * for só thou pro- | -videst | for the | earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows * thou sendest rain into the little | valleys . there- | -of : thou makest it soft with the drops of ráin and | blessest . the | increase | of it.

12 Thou crownest the yéar | with thy | goodness : ánd thy | clouds | drop | fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwéllings | of the | wilderness : and the little hÍlls shall re- | -joice on | every | side.

14 The fólds shall be | full of | sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with córñ that | they shall | laugh and | sing.

PSALM LXVI. *Jubilate Deo.***National Blessing.**

Occasion.—*Probably Hezekiah's own hymn of thanksgiving for the deliverance of his nation from Sennacherib.*

Application.—*The Church's Thanksgiving for the many mercies of a long and eventful past.*

Use.—*For commemoration of national blessings.*

All the world is invited to praise God for His blessings.

O BE joyful in Gód | all ye | lands : sing praises unto
the honour of his Name * máke his | praise | to be |
glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thóu | in thy |
works : through the greatness of thy power * shall thine
enemies be fóund | liars | unto | thee.

3 For all the wórld shall | worship | thee : síng of |
thee and | praise thy | Name.

For the Resurrection and the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

4 O come hither, and behóld the | works of | God :
how wonderful he is in his dóing | toward . the | children .
of | men.

5 He turned the sêa into | dry | land : so that they
went through the water on foot * thêre did | we re- | -joice
there- | -of .

6 He ruleth with his power for ever * his éyes be- |
hold the | people : and such as will not believe shall not
be áble | to ex- | -alt them- | -selves.

For deliverance in Trial.

7 O práise our | God ye | people : and make the vóice
of his | praise | to be | heard ;

8 Who hóldeth our | soul in | life : and súffereth |
not our | feet to | slip.

9 For thou O Gód hast | proved | us : thou also hast
tríed us | like as | silver . is | tried.

10 Thou bróughtest us | into . the | snare : and láidest |
trouble . up- | -on our | loins.

11 Thou sufferedst men to ríde | over . our | heads :
we went through fire and water * and thou broughtest us
óut | into . a | wealthy | place.

The Church leads in her Eucharists and Services.

12 I will go into thine hóuse with | burnt- | -offerings :
and will pay thee my vows * which I promised with my
lips, and spake with my móuth | when I | was in |
trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices * with the |
incense . of | rams : I' will | offer | bullocks . and | goats.

14 O come hither, and hearken * all yê that | fear | God :
and I will tell you what hê hath | done | for my | soul.

15 I called unto hím | with my | mouth : and gâve him |
praises | with my | tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedness | with mine | heart :
thê | Lord | will not | hear me.

17 Bút | God hath | heard me : and considered the |
voice | of my | prayer.

18 Praised be God, who hath nôt cast | out my | prayer :
nôr | turned . his | mercy | from me.

PSALM LXVII. *Deus misereatur.*

National Blessings and Missionary Progress.

Occasion.—*Possibly a Post-Captivity expansion of the old priestly blessing.*

Application.—*The Church, realising that God's blessing on the Nation depends on her missionary zeal, prays for illumination.*

Use.—*For Missionary Meetings.*

For light, that the heathen may be converted.

GOD be merciful ûnto | us and | bless us : and shew us
the light of his countenance * ând be | merciful |
unto | us ;

2 That thy way may be knówn up- | -on | earth :
thy sâving | health a- | -mong all | nations.

3 Let the people práise | thee O | God : yeâ let |
all the | people | praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejóice | and be | glâd : for thou
shalt judge the folk righteously * and góvern the | nations .
up- | -on | earth.

National prosperity depends on Missionary progress.

5 Let the people praise | thee O | God : lét | all the | people | praise thee.

6 Then shall the éarth bring | forth her | increase : and God, even our own Gód, shall | give | us his | blessing.

7 Gód | shall | bless us : and all the énds of the | world shall | fear | him.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXVIII. *Exurgat Deus.*

The Triumphant Acts of the Conquering Christ.

Occasion.—*After some great victory, when the Ark was brought back from the field of battle to Sion.*

Application.—*After the victory of the Cross, when Christ re-entered Heaven and sent down the Holy Ghost.*

Use.—*Proper for Whit-Sunday (Mattins).*

Prayer for fresh victories, grounded on God's loving character.

LET God arise, and let his éne- | -mies be | scattered : let them álso that | hate him | flee be- | -fore him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, * so shalt thou drive | them a- | -way : and like as wax melteth at the fire * so let the ungodly pérish | at the | presence . of | God.

3 But let the righteous be glád and re- | -joice be- | fore | God : lét them | also . be | merry . and | joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing práises | unto . his | Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens as it were upon an horse * praise him in his Name JA'H | and re- | -joice be- | -fore him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless * and defendeth the cáuse | of the | widows : even Gód in his | holy | habit- | -ation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house * and bringeth the prisoners | out of . cap- | -tivity : but letteth the runagátes con- | -tinue | in | scarceness.

Hope inspired, by the gifts and wonders that attended the going forth of
Christ from the grave,

7 O God when thou wentest fôrth be- | -fore the |
people : wên thou | wentest | through the | wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped át the |
presence . of | God : even as Sinai also was moved at the
presence of Gód, who | is the | God of | Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rân upon | thine
in- | -heritance : and refrêshedst | it when | it was | weary.

10 Thy congregâtion shall | dwell there- | -in : for thou,
O God, hast of thy góodness pre- | -pared | for the | poor.

By the Apostolic preaching and saintly lives.

11 The Lórd | gave the | word : gréat was the |
company | of the | preachers.

12 Kings with their armies did flée and | were dis- |
comfited : and thêy of the | household . di- | -vided . the |
spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots * yet shall ye
be as the wings | of a | dove¹ : that is covered with silver
wings | and her | feathers . like | gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kîngs | for their | sake :
thên were they as | white as | snow in | Salmon.²

By the power of the Ascended Lord,

15 As the hill of Basan, sô is | God's | hill : even an hîgh
hill | as the | hill of | Basan.

16 Why hop ye so ye high hills * this is God's hill, in
the which it pléaseth | him to | dwell : yea the Lórd will
a- | -bide in | it for | ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand * éven |
thousands . of | angels : and the Lord is among them * as
în the | holy | place of | Sinai.

¹ "As the wings of a dove." The allusion is to the play of colour on the wings of a dove. The new condition of the people contrasted with the bondage in which they once had been, was like that of a dove's wing when compared with that of a dull, black pot.

² Salmon was a gloomy mount near Shechem—snow on it would be very striking. The reference is to the condition of the enemy, "their bleaching bones" give a ghastly whiteness to the battlefield. Spiritual reference to the death-like condition of the world after the first victories of the Christian host.

18 Thou art gone up on high * thou hast led captivity captive, and received | gifts for | men : yea, even for thine enemies * that the Lórd | God might | dwell a- | -mong them.

Who still pours His gifts upon us,

19 Praised bé the | Lord | daily : even the God who helpeth us, and póreth his | bene- | -fits up- | -on us.

20 He is our God * even the Gód of whom | cometh . sal- | -vation : God is the Lórd by | whom . we es- | -cape | death.

21 God shall wound the héad | of his | enemies : and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on | still | in his | wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said * I will bring my people agáin as I | did from | Basan : mine own will I bring again * as I did sometime fróm the | deep | of the | sea.

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blóod | of thine | enemies : and that the tongue of thy dógs may be | red | through the | same.¹

and pursues His way attended by spiritual heroes bright with praise.

24 It is well seen O Gód | how thou | goest : how thou, my God and Kíng | goest | in the | sanctuary.

25 The singers go before * the mĩnstrels | follow | after : in the midst are the dámsels | playing | with the | timbrels.

26 Give thanks O Israel, unto God the Lórd in the | congre- | -gations : fróm the | ground | of the | heart.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler * and the prínces of | Judah . their | counsel : the princes of Zabúlon | and the | princes . of | Nephthali.²

This gives assurance of spiritual conquests, for which God be praised.

28 Thy God hath sént forth | strength for | thee : stablish the thing, O Gód that | thou hast | wrought in | us,

29 For thy temple's sáke | at Je- | -rusalem : so shall kǐngs bring | presents | unto | thee.

¹ The only vengeance the Church desires is the conversion of Christ's enemies.

² St. Paul was a Benjamite, and St. Andrew, St. James, St. Peter, and St. John are said to have belonged to the tribes of Zabulon and Nephthali. They are only typical of the great characters to be found in the army of Christ.

30 When the company of the spear-men, and multitude of the mighty * are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people * so that they humbly bring | pieces . of | silver : and when he hath scattered the people | that de- | light in | war ;

31 Then shall the princes come | out of | Egypt : the Morians' land shall soon stretch out her | hands | unto | God.¹

32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms | of the | earth : O' sing | praises | unto . the | Lord ;

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all | from . the be- | -ginning : lo, he doth send out his voice * yea and | that a | mighty | voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God | over | Israel : his worship and | strength is | in the | clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy | holy | places : even the God of Israel * he will give strength and power unto his people | blessed | be | God.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXIX. *Salvum me fac.*

A Meditation on the Sorrows of Christ and their power.

Occasion.—*Probably written by Jeremiah, the Jewish patriot. In it he describes his love and zeal for his people which one day would bear fruit.*

Application.—*The use on Good Friday suggests that we are to look on it as a picture of Christ's sufferings and the blessings given to the Church through them.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Good Friday (Evensong).*

The desperate situation.

SÁVE | me O | God : for the waters are come in | even | unto . my | soul.

¹ When there is a great revival of Missionary zeal, missionary Bishops and Priests scattered far and wide amongst the most degraded heathen and converts from the lowest of the people offering their devotions to God, then the great ones of the earth will acknowledge Him to be their God.

2 I stick fast in the deep mire * whére no | ground |
is : I am come into deep waters * só that the | floods run |
over | me.

3 I am weary of crying ; my | throat is | dry : my sight
faileth me for wáiting so | long up- | -on my | God.

4 They that hate me without a cause, are more than
the háirs | of my | head : they that are mine enemies, and
wóuld de- | -stroy me | guiltless . are | mighty.

5 I paid them the things that I | never | took : God,
thou knowest my simpleness * and my fáults | are not | hid
from | thee.

6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of
hosts * be ashámed for | my | cause : let not those that seek
thee * be confounded through mé O | Lord | God of |
Israel.

His sufferings due to His zeal for God.

7 And why * for thy sáke have I | suffered . re- | -proof :
sháme hath | covered | my | face.

8 I am become a stránger | unto . my | brethren :
even an álien | unto . my | mother's | children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath éven | eaten | me :
and the rebukes of them that rebúked | thee are | fallen .
up- | -on me.

10 I wept, and chástened my- | -self with | fasting : and
thát was | turned . to | my re- | -proof.

11 I pút on | sackcloth | also : ánd they | jested .
up- | -on | me.

12 They that sit in the gáte | speak a- | -gainst me :
ánd the | drunkards . make | songs up- | -on me.

He prays to be delivered from death.

13 But, Lord, I make my práyer | unto | thee : in |
an ac- | -ceptable | time.

14 Hear me, O God, in the múltitude | of thy | mercy :
even in the | truth of | thy sal- | -vation.

15 Take me out of the mire | that I | sink not :
O let me be delivered from them that hate me * ánd | out .
of the | deep | waters.

16 Let not the water-flood drown me * neither let the déep | swallow . me | up : and let not the pít | shut her | mouth up- | -on me.

Fresh appeal on the ground of His loneliness and shameful treatment.

17 Hear me O Lord, for thy lóving- | -kindness . is | comfortable : turn thee unto me accórding to the | multitude | of thy | mercies.

18 And hide not thy face from thy sêrvant for | I am . in | trouble : O' | haste | thee and | hear me.

19 Draw nîgh unto my | soul and | save it : O delîver me, be- | -cause of | mine | enemies.

20 Thou hast known my reproof, my shâme and | my dis- | -honour : mine âdversaries are | all in | thy | sight.

21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart * I' am | full of | heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man * neither fôund I | any . to | comfort | me.

22 They gâve me | gall to | eat : and when I was thirsty they gâve me | vine- | -gar to | drink.

23 Let their table be made a snare to táke them- | -selves with- | -al : and let the things that should have been for their wealth * be unto thém | an oc- | -casion . of | falling.

24 Let their eyes be blinded | that they | see not : and éver | bow thou | down their | backs.

25 Pour out thine îdig- | -nation . up- | -on them : and let thy wráthful dis- | -pleasure . take | hold of | them.

26 Let their hábit- | -ation . be | void : and nô man to | dwell | in their | tents.

27 For they persecute hîm whom | thou hast | smitten : and they talk how they may vêx | them whom | thou hast | wounded.

28 Let them fall from one wîckedness | to an- | -other : ánd | not come | into . thy | righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped out of the bôok | of the | living : and nôt be | written . a- | -mong the | righteous.

Yet His sorrows will build up a Great Church.

30 As for me, when I am póor | and in | heaviness : thy hêlp O | God shall | lift me | up.

31 I will praise the Name of Gód | with a | song : and mágni- | -fy it . with | thanks- | -giving.

32 This álso shall | please the | Lord : better than a búllock | that hath | horns and | hoofs.

33 The humble shall consider this | and be | glad : seek ye after Gód | and your | soul shall | live.

34 For the Lórd | heareth . the | poor : ánd de- | -spiseth | not his | prisoners.

35 Let héaven and | earth | praise him : the séa, and | all that | moveth . there- | -in.

36 For God will save Sion * and búild the | cities . of | Judah : that men may dwell thére, and | have it | in pos- | -session.

37 The posterity also of his servants sháll in- | -herit | it : and they that love his | Name shall | dwell there- | -in.

PSALM LXX. *Deus in adiutorium.*

A Cry out of Suffering.

(Not a new Psalm, but the concluding verses of Psalm xl.)

Use.—*As an Intercession for the needs of the Church.*

For the confusion of spiritual enemies and the joy of the faithful.

HASTE thee O Gód to de- | -liver | me : make háste to | help | me O | Lord.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded, that sêek | after . my | soul : let them be turned backward * and pút to con- | -fusion . that | wish me | evil.

3 Let them for their reward be sôon | brought to | shame : that crý | over . me | There | there.

4 But let all those that seek thee be jôyful and | glad in | thee : and let all such as delight in thy salvation say álway, The | Lord | be | praised.

5 As for me, I am póor | and in | misery : háste thee | unto | me O | God.

6 Thou art my hêlper and | my re- | -deemer : O Lórd | make no | long | tarrying.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXI. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

Trust in Sickness and Old Age.

Occasion.—*May have been written by Jeremiah after the fall of Jerusalem, and in any case well expresses what we may conceive to have been his feelings when as an old man he faced the national ruin he had predicted.*

Application.—*The Church often feels the infirmities of age as well as the spring of youth, and here asks for God's special care of her when she is taunted with her inability to meet the difficulties of the time.*

Use.—*For the Visitation of the Sick.*

The Church throws herself upon God

IN thee O Lord, have I put my trust * let me never be
pút | to con- | -fusion : but rid me and deliver me in
thy righteousness * incline thine éar | unto | me and |
save me.

for protection and deliverance.

2 Be thou my stronghold * whereunto I may | alway .
re- | -sort : thou hast promised to help me * for thou art
my hóuse of de- | -fence | and my | castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hánd of | the
un- | -godly : out of the hánd of the un- | -righteous . and |
cruel | man.

4 For thou, O Lord God art the thing | that I | long for :
thou art my hópe | even | from my | youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since | I
was | born : thou art he that took me out of my mother's
womb * my práise | shall be | always . of | thee.

Though contemned by the world she trusts in Him,

6 I am become as it were a mónster | unto | many :
but my sùre | trust | is in | thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled | with thy | praise : that I
may sing of thy glory and hónour | all the | day | long.

8 Cast me not awáy in the | time of | age : forsake me
not when my | strength | faileth | me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me * and they that lay wait for my soul take their cōnsel to- | -gether | saying : God hath forsaken him * persecute him and take him * for there is nōne | to de- | -liver | him.

10 Go not fâr from | me O | God : my Gód | haste | thee to | help me.

11 Let them be confounded and perish that âre a- | -gainst my | soul : let them be covered with shame and dishōnour that | seek to | do me | evil.

and will bear constant witness to His goodness.

12 As for me, I will pátiently a- | -bide | alway : ând will | praise thee | more and | more.

13 My mouth shall daily speak of thy ríghteousness | and sal- | -vation : fôr I | know no | end there- | -of.

14 I will go forth in the stréngth of the | Lord | God : and will make méntion | of thy | righteousness | only.

15 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my yóuth up | until | now : therefore will I téll | of thy | wondrous | works.

16 Forsake me not O God in mine old age * whén I am | gray- | -headed : until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation * and thy power to all thém that are | yet | for to | come.

Her past experience tells her that trouble often leads to refreshment and honour, so too her present difficulties will result in peace. Faith leads to praise.

17 Thy righteousness O Gód is | very | high : and great things are they that thou hast done * O Gód | who is | like . unto | thee ?

18 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me * and yet didst thou túrn | and re- | -fresh me : yea, and broughtest me from the dēep | of the | earth a- | -gain.

19 Thou hast bróught me to | great | honour : and cōmforted | me on | every | side.

20 Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness O God * playing upon an ínstru- | -ment of | musick : unto thee will I sing upon the harp * O' thou | Holy | One of | Israel.

21 My lips will be fain when I sing | unto | thee : and so
will my sôul | whom thou | hast de- | -livered.

22 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness | all
the . day | long : for they are confounded and brought
unto shâme that | seek to | do me | evil.

PSALM LXXII. *Deus, judicium.*

The Blessings of the Reign of Christ.

Occasion.—Possibly composed by Solomon as a prayer to be used
by his people in his behalf, or by some Prophet for the success
of Josiah's reign.

Application.—The anticipations are far too large and magnificent
to be fulfilled in the life of any earthly Prince, and naturally
look on to the sovereignty of the King of kings. We ask that
Christ, the Ascended King, may enter more and more fully
into His heritage.

Use.—In early Christian days, very suitably as a Proper Psalm for
the Epiphany, a use adopted by the American Church. Useful
as an Intercession for Foreign Missions.

Prayer that Christ's influence may increase and establish social Righteousness.

GIVE the King thy | judgements . O | God : and thy
righteousness | unto . the | King's | son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people accôrding | unto |
right : and de- | -fend | the | poor.

3 The mountains also shall | bring | peace : and the
little hills | righteousness | unto . the | people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk | by their | right : defend
the children of the pôor, and | punish . the | wrong |
doer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sún and | moon
en- | -dureth : from ône gener- | -ation | to an- | -other.

6 He shall come down like the rân into a | fleece of |
wool : éven as the | drops that | water . the | earth.

7 In his time shall the | righteous | flourish : yea,
and abundance of péace, so | long . as the | moon
en- | -dureth.

This will develop Missionary enterprise,

8 His dominion shall be also from the óne sea | to the | other : and from the flood | unto . the | world's | end.

9 They that dwell in the wílderness shall | kneel be- | -fore him : his éne- | -mies shall | lick the | dust.

10 The kings of Tharsis and of the ísles shall | give | presents : the kings of Arábia and | Saba | shall bring | gifts.

11 All kings shall fáll | down be- | -fore him : áll | nations . shall | do him | service.

12 For he shall deliver the póor | when he | crieth : the needy álso and | him that | hath no | helper.

13 He shall be favourable tó the | simple . an | | needy : and shall presérve the | souls | of the | poor.

14 He shall deliver their sóuls from | falsehood . and | wrong : and déar shall their | blood be | in his | sight.

and awaken Devotion and Love.

15 He shall live * and unto him shall be given of the góld | of A- | -rabia : prayer shall be made ever unto him, and | daily . shall | he be | praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth * hígh up- | -on the | hills : his fruit shall shake like Libanus * and shall be green in the cíty, like | grass up- | -on the | earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever * his Name shall remain under the sún a- | -mong the . pos- | -terities : which shall be blessed through him, and | all the | heathen . shall | praise him.

Praise to the Father from Whom all is done.

18 Blessed be the Lord God * éven the | God of | Israel : which ónly | doeth | wondrous | things ;

19 And blessed be the Name of his Májes- | -ty for | ever : and all the earth shall be filled with his Májesty. | Amen. | A- | -men.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXIII. *Quam bonus Israel!*

The Mystery of Prosperous Wickedness and its Solution.

Authorship.—“*The first of a group of Asaph Psalms (lxxiii.-lxxxiii.) distinguished by their prophetic character. Almost entirely national.*”

Application.—*The Church reassures those who are troubled by the prosperity of the wicked, by shewing how surely judgement ultimately overtakes them.*

Use.—*For those battling with social difficulties.*

The assurance of Faith after Doubt.

TRULY God is loving | unto | Israel : even unto such as |
are . of a | clean | heart.

2 Nevertheless, my feet were | almost | gone : my |
treadings . had | well-nigh | slipt.

The prosperity of the wicked a real difficulty.

3 And why * I was grieved | at the | wicked : I do also
see the un- | -godly . in | such pros- | -perity.

4 For they are in no | peril . of | death : but are |
lusty | and | strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like | other | folk :
neither are they | plagued . like | other | men.

6 And this is the cause that they are so | holden . with |
pride : and | over- | -whelmed . with | cruelty.

7 Their eyes | swell with | fatness : and they do | even |
what they | lust.

8 They corrupt other * and speak of | wicked |
blasphemy : their talking is a- | -gainst the | most | High.

9 For they stretch forth their mouth | unto . the |
heaven : and their tongue | goeth | through the | world.

It influences Public Opinion, and excites Scepticism.

10 Therefore fall the p  ople | unto | them : and there  ut
suck | they no | small ad- | -vantage.

11 Tush, say they * h  w should | God per- | -ceive it :
is there kn  wledge | in the | most | High ?

12 Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the
world * and these have r  ches | in pos- | -session : and I
said, Then have I cleansed my heart in v  in, and |
washed . mine | hands in | innocency.

13 All the day l  ng have | I been | punished :   nd |
chastened | every | morning.

14 Yea, and I had almost s  id | even . as | they :
but lo, then I should have condemned the g  ner- | -ation |
of thy | children.

The difficulty solved in the Sanctuary.

15 Then thought I to   nder- | -stand | this : b  t it | was
too | hard for | me,

16 Until I went into the s  nctu- | -ary . of | God : then
underst  od I the | end of | these | men ;

17 Namely, how thou dost s  t them in | slippery |
places : and castest them d  wn | and de- | -stroyest | them.

18 Oh, how s  ddenly do | they con- | -sume : p  rish
and | come . to a | fearful | end !

19 Yea, even like as a dr  am | when . one a- | -waketh :
so shalt thou make their   mage to | vanish | out . of the |
city.

20 Th  s my | heart was | grieved : and it w  nt | even |
through my | reins.

21 So f  olish was | I and | ignorant :   ven as it | were
a | beast be- | -fore thee.

22 Neverthel  ss I am | alway . by thee : for thou hast
h  lden me | by my | right | hand.

Henceforth, Joy and trust in Him.

23 Thou shalt g  ide me | with thy | counsel : and after
th  t re- | -ceive | me with | glory.

24 Wh  m have I in | heaven . but | thee : and there is
none upon earth that I des  ire in com- | -pari- | -son of | thee.

25 My flesh and my | heart | faileth : but God is the strength of my heart | and my | portion . for | ever.

26 For lo, they that forsake | thee shall | perish : thou hast destroyed all them that commit | forni- | -cation . a- | -gainst thee.

27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God * to put my trust in the | Lord | God : and to speak of all thy works in the gates | of the | daughter . of | Sion.

PSALM LXXIV. *Ut quid, Deus ?*

Prayer for a Desolate Church.

Occasion.—*Written during the invasion of Nebuchadnezzar, or the persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes.*

Application.—*To the Church in Armenia. A prayer for the Archbishop of Canterbury's work in Assyria.*

From the sixth to the fourteenth century this Church was not only a great Missionary Church, but learned. In the fourteenth century the Mahommedan persecutions almost wiped it out. In 1868 an appeal was made to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and in 1885 the Mission to instruct and guide the clergy was placed on a permanent basis. The work deserves our prayers, and no words are more suitable than these.

Use.—*For the Assyrian Mission.*

The appeal for a dying Church.

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from | us so | long . why is thy wrath so hot against the | sheep of | thy | pasture ?

2 O think upon thy | congre- | -gation : whom thou hast purchased | and re- | -deemed . of | old.

3 Think upon the tribe of | thine in- | -heritance : and mount Sion where- | -in | thou hast | dwelt.

4 Lift up thy feet * that thou mayest utterly destroy | every | enemy : which hath done | evil | in thy | sanctuary.

The pride of the enemy and the desolation of the Church.

5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy | congre- | -gations : and set | up their | banners . for | tokens.

6 He that hewed timber afore out of the | thick | trees : was known to bring it | to an | excellent | work.

7 But now they break down all the cárved | work there- | -of : with | axes | and | hammers.

8 They have set fire upón thy | holy | places : and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Náme | even | unto . the | ground.

9 Yea, they said in their hearts * Let us make hávock of them | alto- | -gether : thus have they burnt up all the hóuses of | God | in the | land.

10 We see not our tokens * there is not óne | prophet | more : no, not one is there among us * that únder- | standeth | any | more.

Why does not God, Whose Power is manifest, deliver ?

11 O God, how long shall the adversary dô | this dis- | honour : how long shall the ényemy blas- | -pheme thy | Name, for | ever ?

12 Why withdráwest | thou thy | hand : why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bósom | to con- | -sume the | enemy ?

13 For Góð is my | King of | old : the help that is done upon éarth he | doeth | it him- | -self.

14 Thou didst divide the sêa | through thy | power : thou brakest the héads of the | dragons | in the | waters.

15 Thou smotest the heads of Levíá- | -than in | pieces : and gavest him to be méat for the | people | in the | wilderness.¹

16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters óut of the | hard | rocks : thóu | driedst . up | mighty | waters.

17 The day is thíne and the | night is | thine : thou hast préparéd the | light | and the | sun.

18 Thou hast set all the bórders | of the | earth : thóu hast | made | summer . and | winter.

Oh, that He would look on the Covenant and save ! .

19 Remember this, O Lord * how the ényemy | hath re- | -buked : and how the foolish péople | hath blas- | -phemed . thy | Name.

¹ "Meat for the people," *i.e.*, for the wild beasts of the desert. Leviathan stands for Egypt, whose rulers and soldiers were drowned in the Red Sea and their bodies devoured by the animals that haunt its shores.

20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove * unto the multitude | of the | enemies : and forget not the congregation | of the | poor for | ever.

21 Look up- | -on the | covenant : for all the earth is full of darkness and | cruel | habit- | -ations.

22 O let not the simple gó a- | -way a- | -shamed : but let the poor and needy give | praise | unto . thy | Name.

23 Arise, O God, maintain thine | own | cause : remember how the foolish mân blas- | -phemeth | thee | daily.

24 Forget not the vóice | of thine | enemies : the presumption of them that hate thee, increâseth | ever | more and | more.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXV. *Confitebimur tibi.*

The Church's responsibility and her determination to fulfil it.

Occasion.—*A song celebrating Hezekiah's resolve to reform both nation and Church.*

Application.—*The Church, realizing that the national well-being depends on a high ideal being upheld, resolves to preach it.*

Use.—*For occasions of National Thanksgiving.*

The Church's gratitude for some fresh revelation of God's nearness.

U NTO thee, O Gód do | we give | thanks : yéa unto | thee do | we give | thanks.

2 Thy Náme also | is so | nigh : and thát do thy | wondrous | works de- | -clare.

Her resolve to rebuke ungodly pride.

3 When I recêive the | congre- | -gation : I shall júdge ac- | -cording | unto | right.

4 The earth is weak * and all the inhâbit- | -ers there- | -of : I' bear | up the | pillars | of it.

5 I said unto the fools, Déal | not so | madly : and to the ungodly, | Set not | up your | horn.

6 Set not úp your | horn on | high : and spéak not | with a | stiff | neck.

For all power is in God's hands, Who alone is Judge.

7 For promotion cometh neither from the east nor | from the | west : nór | yet | from the | south.

8 And why ? | God . is the | Judge : he putteth down óne, and | setteth | up an- | -other.

9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cúp and the | wine is | red : it is full mixed * and he póureth | out | of the | same.

10 A's for the | dregs there- | -of : all the ungodly of the eárrh shall | drink . them and | suck them | out.

Her confidence and strength is in Him.

11 But I will tálk of the | God of | Jacob : ánd | praise | him for | ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly álso | will I | break : and the hórn of the | righteous . shall | be ex- | -alted.

PSALM LXXVI. *Notus in Judæa.*

The Church, the Home of the knowledge of God.

Occasion.—*Hymn of thanksgiving for Israel's deliverance from the Assyrian host of Sennacherib.*

Application.—*Thanksgiving for the deliverance of the world by the Cross of Christ.*

Use.—*When the Power of the Cross is discredited.*

The world conquered at Jerusalem.

IN Jéwry is | God | known : hís | Name is | great in | Israel.

2 At Salem is his | taber- | -nacle : ánd his | dwelling | in | Sion.

3 There brake he the árrows | of the | bow : the shíeld, the | sword | and the | battle.

The glory of Mount Calvary.

4 Thou art of móre | honour . and | might : thán the | hills | of the | robbers.

5 The proud are robbed, they have | slept their | sleep : and all the men whose hánds were | mighty . have | found | nothing.

6 At thy rebúke O | God of | Jacob : bóth the | chariot . and | horse are | fallen.

The outward Signs and spiritual Results of the Victory,

7 Thou, even thóu art | to be | feared : and who may stánd in thy | sight when | thou art | angry?

8 Thou didst cause thy júdgement to be | heard from | heaven : the éarth | trembled | and was | still.

9 When Gód a- | -rose to | judgement : and to hélp | all the | meek up- . -on | earth.

10 The fierceness of man shall túrn | to thy | praise : and the fiérceness of | them shalt | thou re- | -frain.

which demands our grateful acknowledgment.

11 Promise unto the Lord your God * and keep it, all yé that are | round a- | -bout him : bring presents unto him that | ought | to be | feared.

12 He shall refráin the | spirit . of | princes : and is wonderful amóng the | kings | of the | earth.

PSALM LXXVII. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

History, the best tonic for a fainting heart.

Occasion.—*The cry of a captive exile who finds courage and hope in the Divine deeds of the past.*

Application.—*The Church recalls the happy end of a bitter experience in order to comfort those who are called on to go through a dark and gloomy time.*

Use.—*In times of spiritual depression.*

Experience of a depressed soul.

I WILL cry unto Gód | with my | voice : even unto God
will I cry with my voice * and hé shall | hearken |
unto | me,

2 In the time of my tróuble I | sought the | Lord : my
sore ran, and ceased not in the night-season * mý | soul
re- | -fused | comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness * Í will | think up- . -on | God :
when my héart is | vexed . I will | com- | -plain.

4 Thou hóldest mine | eyes | waking : I am so féeble |
that I | cannot | speak.

5 I have considered the | days of | old : ánd the | years |
that are | past.

6 I cáll to re- | -membrance . my | song : and in the
night I commune with mine own héart, and | search | out
my | spirits.

The complaint.

7 Will the Lord absént him- | -self for | ever : and will
he | be no | more in- | -treated ?

8 Is his mercy cléan | gone for | ever : and is his
promise come utterly tó an | end for | ever- | -more ?

9 Hath God forgóttén | to be | gracious : and will he
shut up his lôving- | -kindness | in dis- | -pleasure ?

How it was silenced !

10 And I said, It is mine | own in- | -firmity : but I will
remember the years of the right hánd | of the | most |
Highest.

11 I will remember the wórks | of the | Lord : and call
to mînd thy | wonders . of | old | time.

12 I will think álso of | all thy | works : and my tâlking
shall | be of | thy | doings.

The memorable Acts of Christ, Who leads His people through the
Waters of Death.

13 Thy wáy O | God is | holy : who is so gréat a | God
as | our | God ?

14 Thou art the Gód that | doeth | wonders : and hast
decláred thy | power a- | -mong the | people.

15 Thou hast mightily de- | -livered . thy | people : éven
the | sons of | Jacob . and | Joseph.

16 The waters saw thee O God * the waters sáw thee
and | were a- | -fraid : the dépths | also | were | troubled.

17 The clouds poured out wáter the | air | thundered :
 and thine | arrows | went a- | -broad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was héard | round
 a- | -bout : the lightnings shone upon the ground * the
 éarth was | moved . and | shook with- | -al.

19 Thy way is in the sea * and thy páths in the | great |
 waters : and thy | footsteps | are not | known.

20 Thou léddest thy | people . like | sheep : bý the |
 hand of | Moses . and | Aaron.

Ebening Prayer:

PSALM LXXVIII. *Attendite, popule.*

A warning from History.

Subject.—*A sketch of the first great cycle of Israel's national history from the Exodus down to David's reign, showing God's unfailing goodness and man's rebellion.*

Application.—*No one can read this great historical poem without seeing how its principles have been repeated in the history of the Church and Nation.*

Use.—*It should be recited as it was intended, as a Meditation, showing the eternal purposes of God.*

Object of History—God's Honour.

HEAR my láw | O my | people : incline your éars unto
 the | words | of my | mouth.

2 I will open my móuth | in a | parable : I will decláre
 hard | senten- | -ces of | old ;

3 Which we have | heard and | known : and súch |
 as our | fathers . have | told us ;

4 That we should not hide them * from the children of
 the géner- | -ations . to | come : but to shew the honour
 of the Lord * his mighty and wónderful | works that |
 he hath | done.

The gift of the Covenant and its purpose.

5 He made a covenant with Jacob * and gave Ísra- | -el
 a | law : which he commanded óur fore- | -fathers . to |
 teach their | children ;

6 That their postéri- | -ty might | know it : and the
children | which were | yet un- | -born ;

7 To the intént that when | they came | up : they might |
shew their | children . the | same ;

8 That they might pút their | trust in | God : and
not to forget the works of Gód but to | keep | his com- |
mandments ;

9 And not to be as their forefathers * a faithless and
stúbborn | gener- | -ation : a generation that set not their
heart aright * and whose spirit cléaveth not | stedfastly |
unto | God ;

10 Like as the | children . of | Ephraim : who being
harnessed and carrying bows * turned themselves báck |
in the | day of | battle.

How it failed in spite of all God did in Egypt.

11 They kept not the cove- | -nant of | God : and would
not | walk | in his | law ;

12 But forgát what | he had | done : and the wonderful
wórk that | he had | shewed | for them.

13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our fore-
fathers * in the | land of | Egypt : éven | in the | field of |
Zoan.

14 He divided the sêa and let | them go | through :
he made the wáters to | stand | on an | heap.

15 In the day-time also he léd them | with a | cloud :
and all the níght through | with a | light of | fire.

16 He clave the hard rôcks | in the | wilderness :
and gave them drink thereof * as it had béen | out . of the |
great | depth.

17 He brought waters óut of the | stony | rock : so that
it gúshed | out | like the | rivers.

The Sins, Discontent and Blasphemy.

18 Yet for all this they sinned | more a- | -gainst him :
and provóked the most | Highest | in the | wilderness.

19 They tempted Gód | in their | hearts : and required |
meat | for their | lust.

20 They spake against Gód | also | saying : Shall God
prepáre a | table | in the | wilderness ?

21 He smote the stony rock indeed * that the water gushed out, and the streams | flowed . with- | -al : but can he give bread also * or provide | flesh | for his | people ?

The Divine Judgement.

22 When the Lord heard this | he was | wroth : so the fire was kindled in Jacob * and there came up heavy dis- | -pleasure . a- | -gainst | Israel ;

23 Because they believed | not in | God : and put not their | trust | in his | help.

24 So he commanded the | clouds a- | -bove : and | opened . the | doors of | heaven.

25 He rained down manna also upon them | for to | eat : and | gave them | food from | heaven.

26 So man did eat | angels' | food : for he | sent them | meat e- | -nough.

27 He caused the east wind to blow | under | heaven : and through his power he brought | in the | south-west | wind.

28 He rained flesh upon them as | thick as | dust : and feathered fowls like as the | sand | of the | sea.

29 He let it fall a- | -mong their | tents : even round a- | -bout their | habit- | -ation.

30 So they did eat, and were well filled * for he gave them their | own de- | -sire : they were not disap- | -pointed | of their | lust.

31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths * the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the | wealthiest | of them : yea, and smote down the chosen | men that | were in | Israel.

Its failure to produce any permanent impression.

32 But for all this they | sinned . yet | more : and believed | not his | wondrous | works.

33 Therefore their days did he con- | -sume in | vanity : and their | years | in | trouble.

34 When he slew | them they | sought him : and turned them early * and en- | -quired | after | God.

35 And they remembered that God | was their | strength : and that the high | God was | their Re- | -deemer.

36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him | with their | mouth : and dissémbled | with him | in their | tongue.

37 For their héart was not | whole with | him : neither continued they | stedfast | in his | covenant.

38 But he was so merciful * that he forgáve | their mis- | -deeds : ánd de- | -stroyed | them | not.

39 Yea, many a time túrned he his | wrath a- | -way : and would not suffer his whóle dis- | -pleasure | to a- | -rise.

40 For he considered thát they | were but | flesh : and that they were even a wind that passeth awáy, and | cometh | not a- | -gain.

Forgetfulness of past mercies in Egypt,

41 Many a time did they provóke him | in the | wilderness : ánd | grieved . him | in the | desert.

42 They turned báck, and | tempted | God : and móved the | Holy | One in | Israel.

43 They thóught not | of his | hand : and of the day when he delivered them fróm the | hand | of the | enemy ;

44 How he had wróught his | miracles . in | Egypt : and his wónders | in the | field of | Zoan.

45 He turned their wáters | into | blood : so that they might not | drink | of the | rivers.

46 He sent lice among them * ánd de- | -voured . them | up : ánd | frogs | to de- | -stroy them.

47 He gave their frúit | unto . the | caterpillar : ánd their | labour | unto . the | grasshopper.

48 He destróyed their | vines with | hailstones : and their múlberry- | -trees | with the | frost.

49 He smote their cáttle | also . with | hailstones : ánd their | flocks with | hot | thunderbolts.

50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath * ánger, dis- | -pleasure . and | trouble : and sént | evil | angels . a- | -mong them.

51 He made a way to his indignation * and spáred not their | soul from | death : but gáve their life | over | to the | pestilence ;

52 And smôte all the | first-born . in | Egypt : the most
principal and mightiest | in the | dwellings . of | Ham.

and of Divine Guidance to the Promised Land,

53 But as for his own people * he léd them | forth like |
sheep : and carried them in the | wilderness | like a | flock.

54 He brought them out safely * thát they | should not |
fear : and overwhélméd their | enemies | with the | sea.

55 And brought them within the bórders | of his |
sanctuary : even to his mountain which he púrched |
with his | right | hand.

56 He cast out the héathen | also . be- | -fore them :
caused their land to be divided among them for an
heritage * and made the tribes of I'srael to | dwell in |
their | tents.

followed by widespread Apostasy.

57 So they tempted and displéased the | most high |
God : ánd | kept | not his | testimonies ;

58 But turned their backs, and fell awáy | like their |
forefathers : starting asíde | like a | broken | bow.

59 For they grieved him with their | hill- | -altars : and
provoked him tó dis- | -pleasure | with their | images.

God's heavy punishment.

60 When God heard thís | he was | wroth : and tóok |
sore dis- | -pleasure . at | Israel.

61 So that he forsook the táber- | -nacle . in | Silo :
even the tént that he had | pitched . a- | -mong | men.

62 He delivered their pówér | into . cap- | -tivity : and
their béauty | into . the | enemy's | hand.

63 He gave his people óver also | unto . the | sword :
ánd was | wroth with | his in- | -heritance.

64 The fire consúmed their | young | men : and their
máidens | were not | given . to | marriage.

65 Their priests were sláin | with the | sword : and there
were no wídows to | make | lamen- | -tation.

66 So the Lord awaked as óne | out of | sleep : and líke
a | giant . re- | -freshed . with | wine.

67 He smote his enemies in the | hinder | parts : and
pút them | to a . per- | -petual | shame.

The Election diverted, Judah chosen.

68 He refused the táber- | -nacle . of | Joseph : and
chóse | not the | tribe of | Ephraim ;

69 But chóse the | tribe of | Judah : even the hill of |
Sion | which he | loved.

70 And there he búilt his | temple . on | high : and laid
the foundation of it * like the gróund which | he hath |
made con- | -tinually.

71 He chose Dávid | also . his | servant : and tóok him
a- | -way | from the | sheepfolds.

72 As he was following the éwes great with | young ones .
he | took him : that he might feed Jacob his péople and |
Israel | his in- | -heritance.

73 So he fed them with a fáithful and | true | heart :
and ruled them prudent- | -ly with | all his | power.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXIX. *Deus, venerunt.*

**“My prayer to God for Israel is that they might be
saved.”**

Occasion.—*Written soon after the destruction of Jerusalem
by the Chaldeans, when the Temple was burned, thousands
slain, and large numbers taken prisoner.*

Application.—*The Christian Church here identifies herself with
the sorrows of that ancient Jewish Church from which she
sprang, and prays that the restoration of the Holy City may be
a pledge of the conversion of its people. The only vengeance
she implores is the turning of the hearts of her foes.*

Use.—*For promotion of Christianity amongst the Jews.*

The desolate condition of Jerusalem and the Jews.

O GOD, the heathen are côme into | thine in- | -heritance :
thy holy temple have they defiled * and made
Jerúsa- | -lem an | heap of | stones.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants * have they given to
be meat unto the fówls | of the | air : and the flesh of thy
saínts unto the | beasts | of the | land.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side | of Je- | -rusalem : and there was nó | man to | bury | them.

4 We are become an open sháme | to our | enemies : a very scorn and derision unto thém | that are | round a- | -bout us.

Prayer for deliverance and judgement.

5 Lord, how lóng wilt | thou be | angry : shall thy jéalousy | burn like | fire for | ever ?

6 Pour out thine indignation upon the héathen that | have not | known thee : and upon the kingdoms that háve not | called . up- | -on thy | Name.

7 For théy have de- | -voured | Jacob : ánd | laid | waste his | dwelling-place.

8 O remember not our old sins * but have mercy upón us and | that | soon : fôr we are | come to | great | misery.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation * for the glóry | of thy | Name : O deliver us * and be merciful unto our síns | for thy | Name's | sake.

For God's Honour is concerned in her pitiable state.

10 Whérefore do the | heathen | say : Whére | — is | now their | God ?

11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blóod | that is | shed : be openly shewed upón the | heathen | in our | signt.

12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners | come be- | -fore thee : according to the greatness of thy power * preserve thou thóse that | are ap- | -pointed . to | die.

The conversion of the enemy will lead to ceaseless praise.

13 And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours háve blas- | -phemed | thee : reward thou them O Lórd | sevenfold | into . their | bosom.

14 So we that are thy people and sheep of thy pasture * shall gíve thee | thanks for | ever : and will alway be shewing forth thy praise * from gêner- | -ation . to | gener- | -ation.

PSALM LXXX. *Qui regis Israel.***The Divided and Desolate State of the Church Universal.**

Occasion.—*A prayer for "the restoration of the Northern tribes and the reunion of all Israel," probably composed during the Babylonian Exile by some Northern Patriot. "Man's self-will cannot permanently make void the Divine idea of all Israel."*

Application.—*To the needs of the Church Universal. However much we may be interested in our own Church we can never forget that the Roman and Greek Churches are parts of the One Church for which Christ died and lives to intercede. That the whole Church may be turned to the Lord and so recover her Unity must be our most earnest prayer.*

Use.—*For the promotion of the Unity of Christendom.*

May God arise and give repentance to the whole Church.

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel * thou that leadest
Jóseph | like a | sheep : shew thyself also * thóu
that | sittest . up- | -on the | cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim, Bénjamin | and Ma- | -nasses :
stir úp thy | strength¹ and | come and | help us.

3 Túrn us a- | -gain O | God : shew the light of thy
cóuntenance | and we | shall be | whole.

Her present condition excites derision.

4 O Lórd | God of | hosts : how long wilt thou be
ángry | with thy | people . that | prayeth ?

5 Thou feedest them with the | bread of | tears :
and givest them plénteous- | -ness of | tears to | drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife | unto . our |
neighbours : and our énemies | laugh | us to | scorn.

7 Turn us agáin thou | God of | hosts : shew the light of
thy cóuntenance | and we | shall be | whole.

Longing that her past unity and discipline may be restored.

8 Thou hast brought a víne | out of | Egypt : thou hast
cast óut the | heathen . and | planted | it.

¹ "Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength." Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasses were the three tribes who marched behind the Tabernacle. God is therefore invoked to go forth at their head as He used to do when His shrine was the Ark, which would be carried immediately in front of them.

9 Thou mádest | room for | it : and when it had táken |
root it | filled . the | land.

10 The hills were covered with the | shadow | of it :
and the boughs thereof were | like the | goodly | cedar-
trees.

11 She stretched out her bránches | unto . the | sea :
ând her | boughs | unto . the | river.

12 Why hast thou then bróken | down her | hedge :
that all thêy that go | by pluck | off her | grapes ?

13 The wild boar out of the wóod doth | root it | up :
and the wild béasts | of the | field de- | -vour it.

14 Turn thee again, thou God of hôsts, look | down from |
heaven : behóld and | visit | this | vine ;

15 And the place of the vineyard that thy ríght |
hand hath | planted : and the branch that thou mádest so |
strong | for thy- | -self.

16 It is burnt with fire and | cut | down : and they shall
perish ât the re- | -buke | of thy | countenance.

Prayer for a manifestation of power in Christ the Head.

17 Let thy hand be upon the mân of thy | right | hand :
and upon the son of man * whom thou madest so stróng |
for thine | own | self.

18 And so will not wé go | back from | thee : O let us
live * and wé shall | call up- | -on thy | Name.

19 Turn us again, O Lórd | God of | hosts : shew the
light of thy cóuntenance | and we | shall be | whole.

PSALM LXXXI. *Exultate Deo.*

Religious Observance of Festivals.

Subject.—*An Exhortation to observe some festival, either that of the Passover or Tabernacles, with rejoicing. From time immemorial it has been used by the Jews on New Year's Day.*

Application.—*No words are better suited for stirring churchmen to a religious observance of the Great Festivals, especially Easter and Pentecost, and of the weekly Festival of the Resurrection commemorated on Sundays.*

Use.—*For the better observance of Sundays and Festivals.*

Festivals to be kept with great joy.

SING we merrily únto | God our | strength : make a
cheerful nóise | unto . the | God of | Jacob.

2 Take the psálm, bring | hither . the | tabret : the mérry | harp | with the | lute.

3 Blow up the trúmpet in the | new | moon : even in the time appointed * ánd up- | -on our | solemn | feast-day.

4 For this was máde a | statute . for | Israel : and a láw | of the | God of | Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Jóseph | for a | testimony : when he came out of the land of Egypt * ánd had | heard a | strange | language.¹

The blessings of freedom they commemorate.

6 I eased his shóulder | from the | burden : and his hánds were de- | -livered . from | making . the | pots.

7 Thou calledst upon me in troubles * and I' de- | livered | thee : and heard thee what tíme as the | storm | fell up- | -on thee.

8 I' | proved . thee | also : áť the | waters | of | strife.

Possible results to the nation of obedience and disobedience.

9 Hear, O my people * and I will assúre | thee O | Israel : íf thou wilt | hearken | unto | me,

10 There shall no strange góđ | be in | thee : neither shalt thou wórship | any | other | god.

11 I am the Lord thy God * who brought thee óut of the | land of | Egypt : open thy móúth | wide and | I shall | fill it.

12 But my people wóuld not | hear my | voice : and I'srael | would | not o- | -bey me.

13 So I gave them up unto their ówn | hearts' | lusts : and let them fólloř their | own im- | -agin- | -ations.

14 O that my people would have héarkenēd | unto | me : for if I'srael had | walked | in my | ways,

15 I should sóon have put | down their | enemies : and túrned my | hand a- | -gainst their | adversaries.

¹ Though we have no express statement about the setting apart of Sunday, yet we may say that Christ, whether directly or indirectly, "ordained" it as a testimony to the Resurrection, when He left the earth, the world of bondage and warring tongues.

16 The haters of the Lord should have been I found I liars : but their time I should have . en- I -dured . for I ever.

17 He should have fed them also with the I finest I wheat-flour : and with honey out of the stony rock should I I have I satisfied I thee.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXXII. *Deus stetit.*

The Divine Judgement on Injustice.

Occasion.—*A Prophetic utterance of the time of the Exile, declaring that the judges' high position as gods will not save them from the punishment that follows injustice.*

Application.—*The Church warns unjust magistrates and judges of the fate that must overtake them, and prays that Divine Justice may reign everywhere.*

God's Presence in the Courts of Law.

GOD standeth in the cōgre- I -gation . of I princes : hē is a I Judge a- I -mong I gods.

2 How long will ye I give wrong I judgement : and accept the I persons I of . the un- I -godly ?

3 Defend the I poor and I fatherless : see that such as are in need and ne- I -cessity I have I right.

4 Deliver the I outcast . and I poor : save them from the I hand of I the un- I -godly.

5 They will not be learned nor understand * but walk on I still in I darkness : all the foundations of the I earth are I out of I course.

6 I have said I Ye are I gods¹ : and ye are all the children I of the I most I Highest.

7 But ye shall I die like I men : and I fall like I one . of the I princes.

Appeal for justice.

8 Arise O God, and judge I thou the I earth : for thou shalt take all I heathen . to I thine in- I -heritance.

¹ "I have said, Ye are gods." In Israel, the judges, because of their high position, were called "gods." Our Lord Himself alludes to this in His teaching (John x. 34).

PSALM LXXXIII. *Deus, quis similis?***Religion and the Hostile Powers of the World.**

Occasion.—*Israel's prayer against a confederacy of nations, leagued together to destroy her.*

Application.—*The Church's prayer against the powers of the world—Secularism (Edom)—Self-will (Ishmael)—Sensuality (Moab)—Cruelty (Ammon)—Treachery (Amalek)—Avarice (Tyre)—Unbelief (Assur)—Fickleness (Lot).*

Use.—*At times there is a general attack on the Christian Faith, a desire to get rid of it and the Church which defends it. At such times this Psalm is very suitable.*

The powers of evil combine together to destroy religion.

HOLD not thy tongue O God * kēep | not still | silence :
refrāin | not thy- | -self O | God.

2 For lo, thine ênemies | make a | murmuring : and
they that hâte thee have | lift | up their | head.

3 They have imagined crâftily a- | -gainst thy | people :
and taken cōunsel a- | -gainst thy | secret | ones.

4 They have said, Come and let us root them out * that
they bê no | more a | people : and that the name of Israel
may bê no | more | in re- | -membrance.

5 For they have cast their heads togēther with | one
con- | -sent : and âre con- | -feder- | -ate a- | -gainst thee.

6 The tabernacles of the Êdomites | and the | Ismaelites :
thê | Moab- | -ites and | Hagarens ;

7 Gēbal and | Ammon . and | Amalek : the Phīlistines
with | them that | dwell at | Tyre.

8 Assur âlso is | joined | with them : ând have | holpen .
the | children . of | Lot.

Prayer for their overthrow, and the conversion of their human instruments.

9 But do thou to thēm as | unto . the | Madianites :
unto Sisera, and unto Jābin | at the | brook of | Kison ;

10 Who pēished | at | Endor : and becāme as the |
dung | of the | earth.

11 Make them and their princes like | Oreb . and | Zeb¹ :
yea, make all their princes līke as | Zeba | and Sal- | -mana ;

¹ " Make them and their princes like Oreb and Zeb," etc. Oreb and Zeb were Midianitish chieftains who were slain by Gideon's followers at the river Jordan. Zeba and Salmana were kings of Midian and slain by Gideon himself at Penuel, east of the Jordan.

12 Who say, Let us táke | to our- | -selves : the hóuses
of | God | in pos- | -session.

13 O my God, make them líke | unto . a | wheel :
and ás the | stubble . be- | -fore the | wind ;

14 Like as the fire that búrneth | up the | wood : and as
the fláme | that con- | -sumeth . the | mountains.

15 Persecute them even só | with thy | tempest :
and máke them a- | -fraid | with thy | storm.

16 Make their fáces a- | -shamed . O | Lord : thát |
they may | seek thy | Name.

17 Let them be confounded and véxed ever | more and |
more : lét them be | put to | shame and | perish.

18 And they shall know that thou, whose Náme | is
Je- | -hovah : art only the most Híghest | over | all the |
earth.

PSALM LXXXIV. *Quam dilecta !*

The Blessings of Holy Communion.

Occasion.—*David banished from the House of God during Absalom's rebellion, longs for the Manifestation of His Presence in the Sanctuary.*

Application.—*The Church sings of the blessings of that secret communion with God through the Bread of Life, which the Temple symbolized.*

Use.—*For Festival of Purification (American use). For Communicants' meetings.*

The Blessings of Fellowship with God,

O HOW ámiable | are thy | dwellings : thóu | Lord |
of | hosts !

2 My soul hath a desire and longing * to enter into the
côurts | of the | Lord : my heart and my flesh rejóice |
in the | living | God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house * and the
swallow a nest, where shé may | lay her | young : even thy
altars, O Lord of hôsts, my | King | and my | God.

4 Blessed are they that dwéll | in thy | house : théy will
be | alway | praising | thee.

and of the faithful use of Discipline.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength | is in | thee :
in whose | heart | are thy | ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it | for a |
well¹ : and the | pools are | filled . with | water.

7 They will go from | strength to | strength : and unto
the God of gods appeareth every | one of | them in | Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts | hear my | prayer : hearken |
O | God of | Jacob.

Prayer that Zion may be reached, and its blessings enjoyed.

9 Behold, O God | our de- | fender : and look upon the |
face of | thine A- | -ointed.

10 For one day | in thy | courts : is | better | than a |
thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house | of my |
God : than to dwell in the | tents | of un- | -godliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light | and de- | -fence :
the Lord will give grace and worship * and no good thing
shall he withhold from them that | live a | godly | life.

13 O Lord | God of | hosts : blessed is the man that |
putteth . his | trust in | thee.

PSALM LXXXV. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

The Incarnation, a Subject for Prayer and Study.

Occasion.—*A Babylonian exile, rejoicing that the Captivity is over,
prays that conversion of heart may accompany the blessings of
freedom.*

Application.—*The Church, rejoicing in the freedom brought to the
world by the Incarnation, prays for the gift of repentance to
appreciate its blessings.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Christmas Day (Mattins).*

The Blessings of Christmas move to Conversion.

LORD, thou art become gracious | unto . thy | land : thou
hast turned away the cap- | -tivity- | -ty of | Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence | of thy | people : and |
covered | all their | sins.

¹ "Who going through the vale of misery make it a well." "Baca"—translated here "misery"—is the proper name of a dry and waterless valley and symbolical of dull arid dusty periods of life which by faith are made to abound in refreshing springs.

3 Thou hast taken away all | thy dis- | -pleasure : and
turned thyself from thy | wrathful | indig- | -nation.

4 Turn us then O | God our | Saviour : and let thine |
anger | cease | from us.

Being reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at | us for | ever : and wilt
thou stretch out thy wrath from one gener- | -ation | to
an- | -other ?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and | quicken | us : that
thy people | may re- | -joice in | thee ?

7 Shew us thy | mercy . O | Lord : and | grant us |
thy sal- | -vation.

A resolve to study the wondrous effects of the Incarnation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say con- |
cerning | me : for he shall speak peace unto his people
and to his saints * that they | turn | not a- | -gain.

9 For his salvation is nigh | them that | fear him :
that glory may | dwell | in our | land.

10 Mercy and truth are | met to- | -gether : righteous-
ness and | peace have | kissed . each | other.

11 Truth shall flourish | out . of the | earth : and
righteousness hath | looked | down from | heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall shew | loving- | -kindness : and
our | land shall | give her | increase.

13 Righteousness shall | go be- | -fore him : and he
shall direct his | going | in the | way.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXXVI. *Inclina, Domine.*

A Missionary Prayer.

Occasion.—*Written by some persecuted saint exiled in a foreign land.*

Application.—*St. Augustine refers it to "the Son of David—Jesus Christ—praying to His Father for help in His sufferings and for the glorification of His Name amongst the Gentiles." Its missionary character is quite clear.*

Use.—*In early days, both in England and Europe, it was appointed for the Festival of the Epiphany.*

The Cry of the Church in the Mission Field.

BOW down thine ear O | Lord and | hear me : for I'
am | poor | and in | misery.

2 Preserve thou my sôul, for | I am | holy : my God,
save thy sêrvant that | putteth . his | trust in | thee.

3 Be merciful ûnto | me O | Lord : for I' will | call |
daily up- | -on thee.

4 Comfort the sôul | of thy | servant : for unto thee
O Lórd do I | lift | up my | soul.

5 For thou, Lórd art | good and | gracious : and of
great mercy unto áll | them that | call up- | -on thee.

Her confidence that her King has no rival, and that His success is certain.

6 Give ear, Lórd | unto . my | prayer : and ponder the
vôice | of my | humble . de- | -sires.

7 In the time of my trouble I' will | call up- . -on | thee :
fôr | thou | hearest | me.

8 Among the gods there is none líke unto | thee O |
Lord : there is not ône that can | do as | thou | doest.

9 All nations whom thou hast made * shall come and
wôrship | thee O | Lord : ánd shall | glori- | -fy thy |
Name.

10 For thou art great, and dôest | wondrous | things :
thôu | — art | God a- | -lone.

Prayer to be taught, strengthened and manifestly blessed.

11 Teach me thy way O Lord * and I will wâlk | in thy |
truth : O knit my heart unto thêe, that | I may | fear thy |
Name.

12 I will thank thee O Lord my Gód with | all my |
heart : and will práise thy | Name for | ever- | -more.

13 For gréat is thy | mercy | toward me : and thou hast
delivered my sôul | from the | nethermost | hell.

14 O God, the prôud are | risen . a- | -gainst me : and
the congregations of naughty men have sought after my
soul * and have nôt set | thee be- | -fore their | eyes.

15 But thou O Lord God, art fúll of com- | -passion
and | mercy : long-súffering | plenteous . in | goodness .
and | truth.

16 O turn thee then unto mé and have | mercy . up- | -on
me : give thy strength unto thy servant * and hêlp the |
son | of thine | handmaid.

17 Shew some token upon me for good * that they who hate me may see it and be a- | -shamed : because thou Lord hast holpen | me and | comforted | me.

PSALM LXXXVII. *Fundamenta ejus.*

The Church the World's Centre of Unity.

Occasion.—*Zion glorified by the Regeneration of the Gentiles.*

Application.—*The Church glorified by the Conversion of the Heathen.*

Use.—*For Missionary Meetings.*

Christ's love and desires for the Church.

HER foundations are upon the | holy | hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion, more than | all the | dwellings . of | Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are | spoken . of | thee : thou | city | of | God.

Which becomes the Centre of Resistless Attraction.

3 I will think upon | Rahab . and | Babylon : with | them that | know | me.

4 Behold ye the | Philistines | also : and they of Tyre with the Morians¹ * lo | there | was he | born.

Through her the Nations are Regenerated,

5 And of Sion it shall be reported that he was | born in | her : and the most | High shall | stablish | her.

6 The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth | up the | people² : that | he was | born | there.

and perpetually refreshed.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall | he re- | hear³ : All my fresh | springs shall | be in | thee.

¹ It was considered remarkable that Israel's worst foes should be amongst those who heard St. Peter on the day of Pentecost. But that is not so wonderful as the sight of Hindoos, Buddhists, and degraded Brahmans, delighting to receive their new birth at the hands of the Church.

² "The Lord shall rehearse it when He writeth up the people," etc. The imagery is taken from a census which the poet conceives God to be holding. In counting up the members of the host that belongs to Him, He notes as a special mark of distinction the fact of their birth in Zion.

³ The singers and trumpeters shall he rehearse as saying, All my fresh, etc., i.e., the bands of music that accompany the heathen as they press forward to Baptism, have but one subject, and that the refreshment that the Church supplies.

PSALM LXXXVIII. *Domine Deus.***A Meditation on the Sufferings of Christ.**

Subject.—*Israel in exile lamenting its exclusion from the light of God's Presence.*

Application.—*The cry out of the darkness that overwhelmed Christ upon the Cross.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Good Friday (Evensong).*

The loyal faith of the Forsaken One.

O LORD God of my salvation * I have cried day and |
night be- | -fore thee : O let my prayer enter into
thy presence * incline thine | ear | unto . my | calling.

2 For my sôul is | full of | trouble : and my life
draweth | nigh | unto | hell.

The abandonment of the Cross.

3 I am counted as one of them that go dôwn | into .
the | pit : and I have been éven as a | man that | hath no |
strength.

4 Free among the dead * like unto them that are
wounded and lie | in the | grave : who are out of remem-
brance * and are cût a- | -way | from thy | hand.

5 Thou hast láid me in the | lowest | pit : in a plâce of |
darkness . and | in the | deep.

6 Thine indignation lieth | hard up- | -on me : and
thou hast véxed | me with | all thy | storms.

7 Thou hast put away mine acquâintance | far | from
me : and mâde me to | be ab- | -horred | of them.

8 I' am so | fast in | prison : thât I | cannot | get | forth.

Its mysterious darkness and inconceivable horrors.

9 My sight fáileth for | very | trouble : Lord, I have
called daily upon thee * I have stretched fôrth my | hands |
unto | thee.

10 Dost thou shew wônders a- | -mong the | dead : or
shall the déad rise | up a- | -gain and | praise thee ?

11 Shall thy loving-kindness be shêwed | in the | grave :
ôr thy | faithfulness | in de- | -struction ?

12 Shall thy wondrous works be known | in the | dark :
and thy righteousness in the land where | all things | are
for- | -gotten ?

13 Unto thee have I | cried O | Lord : and early shall
my | prayer | come be- | -fore thee.

14 Lord, why abhorrest | thou my | soul : and hidest |
thou thy | face | from me ?

15 I am in misery * and like unto him that is at the |
point to | die : even from my youth up, thy terrors have I
suffered | with a | troubled | mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth | over | me : and the
fear of | thee | hath un- | -done me.

17 They came round about me | daily . like | water : and
compassed me to- | -gether . on | every | side.

18 My lovers and friends hast thou put a- | -way | from
me : and hid mine ac- | -quaintance | out of . my | sight.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXXIX. *Misericordias Domini.*

Faith in the Incarnation in spite of failure.

Occasion.—Probably written during the Exile to express Israel's disappointment at the ruin of the Davidic Kingdom which seemed to belie God's promise.

Application.—The Church contrasting the greatness of God's promises in Christ and her present condition divided and often defeated, throws herself with confident praise on His covenanted mercies.

Use.—A proper Psalm for Christmas Day (Evensong). For Festival of the Annunciation (American use).

The Church in distress encourages herself by the thought of God's faithfulness.

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness | of the |
Lord : with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy
truth * from one gener- | -ation | to an- | -other.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set | up for | ever :
thy truth shalt thou | stablish | in the | heavens.

He Who has promised is able.

3 I have made a covenánt | with my | chosen : I have
swórn | unto | David . my | servant ;

4 Thy sêed will I | stablîsh . for | ever : and set up thy
throne from óne gener- | -ation | to an- | -other.

This His deeds in History and Nature alike declare.

5 O Lord, the very heavens shall práise thy | wondrous |
works : and thy truth in the cóngre- | -gation | of the |
saints.

6 For who is hé a- | -mong the | clouds : that sháll
be com- | pared | unto . the | Lord ?

7 And what is hé a- | -mong the | gods : that sháll be |
like | unto . the | Lord ?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the councîl | of the |
saints : and to be had in reverence of all thém | that are |
round a- | -bout him.

Manifested as Conqueror, Creator, Ruler.

9 O Lord God of hosts * whó is | like . unto | thee :
thy truth, most mighty Lórd | is on | every | side.

10 Thou rulest the ráging | of the | sea : thou stillest
the wáves there- | -of when | they a- | -rise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt * ánd de- | -stroyed | it :
thou hast scattered thine enemies abróad | with thy |
mighty | arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the éarth | also . is | thine :
thou hast laid the foundation of the round wórlð, and | all
that | therein | is.

13 Thou hast made the nórth | and the | south :
Tabor and Hermon sháll re- | -joice | in thy | Name.¹

14 Thou hást a | mighty | arm : strong is thy hánd, and |
high is | thy right | hand.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitátion | of thy |
seat : mercy and trúth sháll | go be- | -fore thy | face.

¹ "Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name." Tabor was the most beautiful, and Hermon the highest mountain in the land. The two names stand, then, for lovely and awe-inspiring scenery, which proclaim to the hearts of men that beauty and grandeur are alike of God.

Blessed, then, are those who trust in Him.

16 Blessed is the people O Lord * that cān re- | -joice
in | thee : they shall wālk in the | light | of thy | countenance.

17 Their delight shall be dāily | in thy | Name : and in
thy righteousness | shall they | make their | boast.

18 For thou art the glōry | of their | strength : and in thy
loving-kindness thōu shalt | lift | up our | horns.

19 For the Lórd is | our de- | -fence : the Hóly One of |
Israel | is our | King.

The magnificent character of the promises given in Jesus Christ.

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions ūnto thy | saints
and | saidst : I have laid help upon one that is mighty * I
have exálted one | chosen | out . of the | people.

21 I have fōund | David . my | servant : with my holy
óil have | I a- | -nointed | him.

22 My hánd shall | hold him | fast : ánd my | arm shall |
strengthen | him.

23 The enemy shall not be áble to | do him | violence :
the sōn of | wickedness | shall not | hurt him.

24 I will smite down his fōes be- | -fore his | face :
ánd | plague | them that | hate him.

25 My truth also and my mércy | shall be | with him :
and in my Náme shall his | horn | be ex- | -alted.

26 I will set his dominion álso | in the | sea : ánd his |
right hand | in the | floods.

27 He shall call me, Thōu | art my | Father : my Gód |
and my | strong sal- | -vation.

28 And I will máke | him my | first-born : hígher than
the | kings | of the | earth.

29 My mercy will I kēep for him for | ever- | -more : and
my cōvenant shall | stand | fast | with him.

30 His seed also will I máke to en- | -dure for | ever :
and his thrōne | as the | days of | heaven.

Their fulfilment independent of sin.

31 But if his children for- | -sake my | law : ánd | walk
not | in my | judgements ;

32 If they break my statutes * and k  ep not | my com- | mandments : I will visit their offences with the r  od | and their | sin with | scourges.

33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not   tterly | take | from him : n  r | suffer . my | truth to | fail.

34 My covenant will I not break * nor alter the thing that is g  ne | out of . my | lips : I have sworn once by my holiness * that I' | will not | fail | David.

35 His s  ed shall en- | -dure for | ever : and his s  at is | like . as the | sun be- | -fore me.

36 He shall stand fast for everm  re | as the | moon : and   s the | faithful | witness . in | heaven.

And yet after centuries of work His Name is blasphemed and His Power
overthrown.

37 But thou hast abhorred and fors  ken | thine A- | -nointed :   nd | art dis- | -pleased | at him.

38 Thou hast broken the c  venant | of thy | servant : and c  st his | crown | to the | ground.

39 Thou hast overthr  wn | all his | hedges :   nd | broken | down his | strongholds.

40 All th  y that go | by | spoil him : and he is bec  me a re- | -proach | to his | neighbours.

41 Thou hast set up the right h  nd | of his | enemies : and m  de all his | adversaries | to re- | -joice.

42 Thou hast taken away the   dge | of his | sword : and givest him n  t | victory | in the | battle.

43 Th  u hast put | out his | glory : and c  st his | throne | down . to the | ground.

44 The days of his y  uth | hast thou | shortened :   nd | covered . him | with dis- | -honour.

Oh ! that God would remember the promises and pity His people.

45 Lord, how long wilt thou h  de thy- | -self for | ever : and sh  ll thy | wrath | burn like | fire ?

46 O remember how sh  rt my | time | is : wherefore hast thou m  de | all | men for | nought ?

47 What man is he that liveth and shall | not see | death : and shall he deliver his s  ul | from the | hand of | hell ?

48 Lord, where are thy ôld | loving- | -kindnesses : which thou swârest unto | David | in thy | truth ?

49 Remember Lord, the rebûke that thy | servants | have : and how I do bear in my bósom the re- | -bukes of | many | people ;

50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee * and slandered the fôotsteps of | thine A- | -nointed : Praised be the Lord for evermôre. | A- . -men and | A- | -men.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XC. *Domine, refugium.*

The Eternity of God and the Transitoriness of Man.

Occasion.—*Probably written by Moses as some explanation of the extraordinary mortality of Israel during its march from Sinai to Palestine.*

Application.—*The Church mindful of the brevity of life prays for wisdom to use it aright.*

Use.—*Proper for the Burial Service. For New Year's Day (American use).*

God Eternal yet man's Refuge, Omnipotent yet life's Disposer.

L O'RD thou hast | been our | refuge : from ône gener- | -ation | to an- | -other.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth * or ever the éarth and the | world were | made : thou art God from everlâsting and | world with- | -out | end.

3 Thou turnest mân | to de- | -struction : again thou sayest, Côme a- | -gain ye | children . of | men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight | are but . as | yesterday : seeing that is pâst as a | watch | in the | night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them * they are éven | as a | sleep : and fâde away | suddenly | like the | grass.

6 In the morning it is gréen and | groweth | up : but in the evening it is cut dôwn | dried | up and | withered.

Death due to God's wrath against sin, which is disregarded.

7 For we consume awáy in | thy dis- | -pleasure :
and are afráid at thy | wrathful | indig- | -nation.

8 Thou hast sét our mis- | -deeds be- | -fore thee :
and our secret síns in the | light | of thy | counten-
ance.

9 For when thou art angry, áll our | days are | gone :
we bring our years to an end * as it wére a | tale | that is |
told.

10 The days of our age are three-score years and ten *
and though men be so strong that they côme to | four-score |
years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow *
so soon pásseth it a- | -way and | we are | gone.

11 But who regardeth the pówér | of thy | wrath¹ :
for even thereafter as a man féareth | so is | thy dis- |
pleasure.

Oh ! that we might make wise use of the time that remains.

12 So téach us to | number . our | days : that we may
applý our | hearts | unto | wisdom.

13 Turn thee again, O Lórd | at the | last : ánd be |
gracious | unto . thy | servants.

14 O satisfy us with thy mércy and | that ! soon : so
shall we rejoyce and be glád all the | days | of our |
life.

15 Comfort us again * now after the tíme that thou
hast | plagued | us : and for the years whereín | we have |
suffered . ad- | -versity.

16 Shêw thy | servants . thy | work : ánd their | children |
thy | glory.

17 And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our Gód | be
up- | -on us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us *
O prósper | thou our | handy- | -work.

¹ Though Death is due to God's wrath against sin, how few there are that look upon it in that way, for a man's sense of God's wrath is in proportion to his fear. And since fear is the beginning of wisdom, therefore the Psalmist teaches us to pray to be wise,

PSALM XCI. *Qui habitat.***God's Greatness, Man's Perpetual Security.**

Occasion.—*Some prophet assures exiled Israel of safety, even in the very midst of the terrible judgements that are to fall on Babylon.*

Application.—*The Church assures her children that neither pestilence, accident, or any evil can really hurt those who trust in God.*

Use.—*It is a beautiful Psalm to close the day with, and so for centuries has been used daily at Compline. Suitable also in times of epidemic.*

The assurance of the Church.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the | most |
High : shall abide under the | shadow . of | the
Al- | -mighty.

The answer of Faith.

2 I will say unto the Lord * Thou art my hope | and
my | stronghold : my God, in | him | will I | trust.

The Church repeats her assurance of Divine Protection.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare | of the |
hunter : and | from the | noisome | pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings * and thou
shalt be safe | under . his | feathers : his faithfulness and
truth shall | be thy | shield and | buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any | terror . by | night :
nor for the | arrow . that | flieth . by | day ;

6 For the pestilence that | walketh . in | darkness : nor
for the sickness that de- | -stroyeth | in the | noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee * and ten thousand
at | thy right | hand : but it shall | not come | nigh | thee.

8 Yea. with thine eyes shalt | thou be- | -hold : and see
the re- | -ward of | the un- | -godly.

9 For thou, Lord | art my | hope : thou hast set thine
house of de- | -fence | very | high.

10 There shall no evil háppen | unto | thee : neither shall ány | plague come | nigh thy | ádwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels chárge | over | thee : to kéepe | thee in | all thy | ways.

12 They shall béar thee | in their | hands : that thou húrt not thy | foot a- | -gainst a | stone.

13 Thou shalt go upón the | lion and | adder : the young lion and the dragon shált thou | tread | under . thy | feet.

The Voice of Christ supports that of the Church.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me * therefore will I' de- | -liver | him : I will set him up * becaúse | he hath | known my | Name.

15 He shall call upon mé, and | I will | hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble * I will delíver him and | bring | him to | honour.

16 With long life will I | satisfy | him : ánd | shew him | my sal- | -vation.

PSALM XCII. *Bonum est confiteri.*

The Providence of God a subject for Praise.

Occasion.—*A Psalm of the Restoration celebrating the wisdom and goodness of God in judging the wicked and blessing the righteous.*

Application.—*The Church meets the social difficulty of the prosperity of the wicked in a spirit of praise and confidence.*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

A good thing to praise the Lord.

IT is a good thing to give thánks | unto . the | Lord : and to sing praises únto thy | Name | O most | Highest ;

2 To tell of thy loving-kindness éarly | in the | morning : and of thy trúth | in the | night- | -season ;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings * ánd up- | -on the | lute : upon a loud instrument | and up- | -on the | harp.

For His ways though mysterious are always righteous.

4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glád | through thy | works : and I will rejoice in giving praise, for the óper- | ations | of thy | hands.

5 O Lord, how glórious | are thy | works : thy | thoughts are | very | deep.

6 An unwise man doth not wéll con- | -sider | this : and a fôol | doth not | under- | -stand it.

The punishment of the wicked is inevitable.

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass * and when all the workers of wicked- | -ness do | flourish : then shall they be destroyed for ever * but thou Lord, árt the most | Highest . for | ever- | -more.

8 For lo, thine enemies O Lord * lo, thine éne- | -mies shall | perish : and all the workers of wicked- | -ness shall | be de- | -stroyed.

The blessing of the righteous is certain.

9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the hórñ | of an | unicorn : for I' am a- | -nointed . with | fresh | oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lúst | of mine | enemies : and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that a- | -rise | up a- | -gainst me.

11 The righteous shall flóurish | like a | palm-tree : and shall spread abróad | like a | cedar . in | Libanus.

12 Such as are planted in the hóuse | of the | Lord : shall flourish in the cóurts of the | house of | our | God.

13 They also shall bring forth more frúit | in their | age : and sháll be | fat and | well- | -liking.

14 That they may shew how true the Lórd my | strength | is : and that there is nó un- | -righteous- | -ness in | him.

THE ROYAL PSALMS.

(XCIII.—C.)

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XCIII. *Dominus regnavit.*

The Lord reigneth.

Occasion.—*The return from Babylon was a striking proof of the intervention of God. Many of the Psalms written to celebrate it, especially the Royal Psalms (xciii., xcv.-c.), naturally emphasise the Sovereignty of God.*

Application.—*The return of Christ to Heaven was still more astonishing. The Divine Sovereignty was then felt to be in the hands of the Ascended Son of Man, Whose glory these Psalms describe.*

Use.—*For Missionary Meetings. For Trinity Sunday (American use).*

The Ascended Christ glorious in His Humanity now reigns.

THE Lord is King * and hath put on glóri- | -ous ap- |
parel : the Lord hath put on his appárel and | girded .
him- | -self with | strength.

2 He hath máde the round | world so | sure : thát it |
cannot | be | moved.

3 Ever since the world began hath thy séat | been
pre- | -pared : thóu | art from | ever- | -lasting.

The attempts made to throw off His Sovereignty are in vain.

4 The floods are risen O Lord * the flóods have lift |
up their | voice : thê | floods lift | up their | waves.

5 The waves of the sea are mighty and | rage | horribly :
but yet the Lórd who | dwelleth . on | high is | mightier.

His Laws and Holiness unassailable.

6 Thy testimonies O Lórd are | very | sure : hóliness
be- | -cometh . thine | house for | ever.

PSALM XCIV. *Deus ultionum.***The Reigning Christ and Social Oppression.**

Occasion.—*Probably an exilic Psalm describing some of the miseries which Israel suffered at the hands of their Babylonish captors. The appeal to the Righteous Judge was natural.*

Application.—*Though Christ reigns, yet there is widespread oppression even in Christian countries. Pride, avarice, and sensuality lead to the ruin of the fatherless and widows, and the oppression of the poor. For these the Church intercedes.*

Use.—*For Home Missions.*

Appeal to the Christ.

O LORD Góð to whom | vengeance . be- | -longeth :
thou God, to whom vengeánce be- | -longeth | shew
thy- | -self.

2 Arise thou Júdege | of the | world : and reward the
próud | after | their de- | -serving.

The triumph of the wicked and their impiety.

3 Lord, how lóng | shall . the un- | -godly : how lóng |
shall . the un- | -godly | triumph ?

4 How long shall all wicked doers spéak | so dis- |
dainfully : ánd | make such | proud | boasting ?

5 They smite dówn thy | people . O | Lord : ánd |
trouble | thine | heritage.

6 They murder the wídraw | and the | stranger : and
pút the | father- | -less to | death.

7 And yet they say, Tush, the Lórd | shall not | see :
neither sháll the | God of | Jacob . re- | -gard it.

The Creator and Teacher of man marks and punishes.

8 Take heed ye unwise a- | -mong the | people : O ye
fóols | when . will ye | under- | -stand ?

9 He that planted the éar, shall | he not | hear : or he
that máde the | eye shall | he not | see ?

10 Or he that núrthur- | -eth the | heathen : it is he that
teacheth man knówledge | shall not | he | punish ?

11 The Lord knóweth the | thoughts of | man : thát | they | are but | vain.

The chastisement of the oppressed is only for a time.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chástenest | O | Lord : ánd | teachest . him | in thy | law ;

13 That thou mayest give him patience in time | of ad- | -versity : until the pit be dígged | up for | the un- | -godly.

14 For the Lórd will not | fail his | people : neither will he for- | -sake | his in- | -heritance ;

15 Until righteousness túrn again | unto | judgement : all such as are trúe in | heart shall | follow | it.

The Church therefore appeals for helpers.

16 Who will rise up with mé a- | -gainst the | wicked : or who will take my párt a- | -gainst the | evil- | -doers ?

17 If the Lórd had not | helped | me : it had not failed but my sóul | had been | put to | silence.

18 But when I sáid My | foot hath | slipt : thy mércy O | Lord | held me | up.

19 In the multitude of the sorrows that I hád | in my | heart : thy cómforts | have re- | -freshed . my | soul.

Judgement is certain.

20 Wilt thou have anything to dó with the | stool of | wickedness : which imágineth | mischief | as a | law ?

21 They gather them together against the sóul | of the | righteous : ánd con- | -demn the | innocent | blood.

22 But the Lórd | is my | refuge : and my Gód is the | strength | of my | confidence.

23 He shall recompense them their wickedness * and destroy them in their | own | malice : yea, the Lórd our | God | shall de- | -stroy them.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XCV. *Venite, exultemus Domino.*

The Motives and Responsibilities of Worship.

Occasion.—*Probably composed for the Dedication of the second Temple which awakened the memories and warnings bound up with the erection of the Tabernacle.*

Application.—*The Church has always used it as a prelude or invitation to worship, as it strikes the right keynote—humility and seriousness.*

Use.—*An invitatory to worship.*

The invitation to worship heartily and gratefully.

O COME, let us sing | unto . the | Lord : let us heartily
rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | -vation.

2 Let us come before his présence with | thanks- |
giving : and shêw ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.

Nature proclaims God's greatness,

3 For the Lôrd is a | great | God : and a grêat | King
a- | -bove all | gods.

4 In his hand are all the côrners | of the | earth :
and the strêngth of the | hills is | his | also.

5 The sêa is his | and he | made it : and his hânds
pre- | -pared . the | dry | land.

and man His love.

6 O come, let us wôrship and | fall | down : and knêel
be- | -fore the | Lord our | Maker.

7 For hê is the | Lord our | God : and we are the
people of his pasture * ând the | sheep of | his | hand.

The warning against light behaviour.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice * hârden | not your |
hearts : as in the provocation * and as in the dâý of
tempt- | -ation | in the | wilderness ;

9 When your fâthers | tempted | me : próved | me and |
saw my | works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and I said : It is a people that do err in their hearts * for they I have not I known my I ways ;

11 Unto whom I swäre I in my I wrath : that they should not I enter I into . my I rest.

PSALM XCVI. *Cantate Domino.*

Christ's Kingship, a call to Missionary Effort.

Occasion.—*According to the Septuagint Title, this Psalm was written when the Temple was being rebuilt, after the Captivity.*

Application.—*To the building of Christ's Church after the Resurrection. Stones from the utmost parts of the earth are to be brought and built into the Temple of God.*

Use.—*For Missionary Meetings.*

The Church invites to praise and missionary effort.

O SING unto the Lórd a I new I song : sing unto the Lórd I all the I whole I earth.

2 Sing unto the Lórd and I praise his I Name : be telling of his sal- I -vation . from I day to I day.

3 Declare his hónour I unto . the I heathen : and his wónders I unto I all I people.

For her Lord alone is adorable.

4 For the Lord is great * and cannot wórtli- I -ly be I praised : he is móre to be I feared . than I all I gods.

5 As for all the gods of the héathen I they are . but I idols : but it is the I Lord that I made the I heavens.

6 Glory and wórship I are be- I -fore him : pówér and I honour . are I in his I sanctuary.

She calls upon all to give Him honour

7 Ascribe unto the Lord * O ye kindreds I of the I people : ascribe unto the Lórd I worship I and I power.

8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due I unto . his I Name : bring présents and I come I into . his I courts.

9 O worship the Lórd in the I beauty . of I holiness : let the whole éarth I stand in I awe of I him.

and to proclaim His character as King and Judge.

10 Tell it out among the hêathen that the | Lord is | King : and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast * that it cannot be moved * and how that hê shall | judge the | people | righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejôice and let the | earth be | glad : let the sea make a nôise, and | all that | therein | is.

12 Let the field be jôyful and | all that . is | in it : then shall all the trees of the wôod re- | -joice be- | -fore the | Lord.

13 For he cometh, for he cômeth to | judge the | earth : and with righteousness to judge the wôrld and the | people | with his | truth.

PSALM XCVII. *Dominus regnavit.*

The Advent of the King and its consequences

Subject.—*A prophetic declaration of the blessings that would follow the Restoration of Israel after the Captivity, when great results were expected from this fresh manifestation of the Divine Sovereignty.*

Application.—*The Ascension of Christ leads to bright anticipations of what will happen when He comes again. These old words well express them.*

Use.—*For first Sunday in Advent (American use).*

Proclamation of the King.

THE Lord is King * the éarth may be | glad there- | -of : yea, the multitude of the isles | may be | glad there- | -of.

2 Clouds and dârkness are | round a- | -bout him : righteousness and judgement are the hâbi- | -tation | of his | seat.

Character of His Advent.

3 There shall gô a | fire be- | -fore him : and burn úp his | ene- . -mies on | every | side.

4 His lightnings gave shine | unto . the | world : the éarth | saw it . and | was a- | -fraid.

5 The hills melted like wax * at the présence | of the | Lord : at the presence of the Lórd | of the | whole | earth.

6 The heavens have de- | -clared . his | righteousness :
and all the | people . have | seen his | glory.

Downfall of Heathenism and Joy of the Church.

7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images *
and that delight in | vain | gods : worship | him | all ye |
gods.

8 Sion heard of it | and re- | -joiced : and the daughters
of Judah were glad * because of thy | judgements |
O | Lord.

9 For thou Lord, art higher than all that are | in the |
earth : thou art exalted | far a- | -bove all | gods.

Moral lessons.

10 O ye that love the Lord * see that ye hate the
thing | which is | evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of
his saints * he shall deliver them from the | hand of |
the un- | -godly.

11 There is sprung up a light | for the | righteous : and
joyful gladness for | such as | are true- | -hearted.

12 Rejoice in the | Lord ye | righteous : and give thanks *
for a re- | -membrance | of his | holiness.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XCVIII. *Cantate Domino.*

The King's Victory and its consequences.

Occasion.—*Another Restoration Psalm celebrating the glorious redemption of Israel from the bondage of the Exile.*

Application.—*The Church celebrates the Redemption of the world by the Cross.*

Use.—*As an alternative to the "Magnificat."*

The new song of Redemption.

O SING unto the Lord a | new | song : for he hath |
done | marvellous | things.

2 With his own right hand * and with his | holy | arm :
hath he | gotten . him- | -self the | victory.

For Christ's victory upon the Cross.

3 The Lord declared | his sal- | -vation : his righteous-
ness hath he openly shewed in the | sight | of the | heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth t^oward the | house of | Israel : and all the ends of the world have s^een the sal- | -vation | of our | God.

In this the whole world rejoices.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the L^ord | all ye | lands : sing, re- | -joice and | give | thanks.

6 Praise the L^ord up- | -on the | harp : sing to the h^arp with a | psalm of | thanks- | -giving.

7 With tr^umpets | also and | shawms : O shew yourselves joyful be- | -fore the | Lord the | King.

Nature too rejoices at the thought of deliverance.

8 Let the sea make a noise, * and ^all that | therein | is : the round w^old, and | they that | dwell there- | -in.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, * and let the hills be joyful to^ge^ther be- | -fore the | Lord : f^or he is | come to | judge the | earth.

10 With righteousnes shall he | judge the | world : ^and the | people | with | equity.

PSALM XCIX. *Dominus regnavit.*

The Holiness of our Redeemer King.

Occasion.—*A Restoration Psalm. In the new joy of a recovered worship there was danger lest the reverence due to God's holiness might be forgotten. This is here emphasised.*

Application.—*Our King is the Son of Man. Dwelling too much on this, Christians often forget the reverence due to His Majesty and Holiness. The Church bids us never forget that "He is holy."*

Use.—*Transfiguration (American use).*

Christ, Who is Holy, reigns.

THE Lord is King * be the people n^ever | so im- | patient : he sitteth between the cherubims * be the ^earth | never | so un- | -quiet.

2 The L^ord is | great in | Sion : ^and | high a- | -bove all | people.

3 They shall give th^anks | unto . thy | Name : which is gr^eat | wonder- | -ful and | holy.

His rule, too, is holy.

4 The king's power loveth judgement * thóu hast pre- | -pared | equity : thou hast executed judgement and | righteous- | -ness in | Jacob.

5 O mágnify the | Lord our | God : and fall down before his fóotstool, | for | he is | holy.

His servants are holy, and He Judges in Holiness.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests * and Samuel among such as cáll up- | -on his | Name : these called upón the | Lord | and he | heard them.

7 He spake unto them óut of the | cloudy | pillar : for they kept his testimonies * ánd the | law | that he | gave them.

8 Thou héardest them O | Lord our | God : thou forgavest them O God * and púnish- | -edst their | own in- | -ventions.

9 O magnify the Lord our God * and worship him upón his | holy | hill : fór the | Lord our | God is | lioly.

PSALM C. *Jubilate Deo.*

The King's care for His People.

Occasion.—*The inspired poet sees in the new Temple and its glorious worship an invitation to all men to join them, and bear grateful testimony to God's love.*

Application.—*A Missionary Appeal to all the heathen to share the blessings of the Christian Church.*

Use.—*As an alternative to the "Benedictus."*

All men urged to praise God for His universal Love.

O BE joyful in the Lórd | all ye | lands : serve the Lord with gladness * and come before his | presence | with a | song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lórd | he is | God : it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves * we are his people, ánd the | sheep of | his | pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving * and into his | courts with | praise : be thankful unto him, and | speak good | of his | Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious * his mércy is | ever- |
lasting : and his truth endureth from gêner- | -ation . to |
gener- | -ation.

PSALM CI. *Misericordiam et iudicium.*

The Nation's resolve if Christ will be with her.

Occasion.—*David purposes that if but the Ark is allowed to come to his new capital, he will do his best to make his ministry and court worthy of it.*

Application.—*The Church prays that the Nation may not only know how to walk in God's way, but have courage to maintain purity and uprightness in her servants.*

Use.—*A proper Psalm for the Accession of the Sovereign.*

The Nation's prayer and hope.

MY sông shall be of | mercy . and | judgement :
unto thée O | Lord | will I | sing.

2 O lét me have | under- | -standing : ín the | way
of | godli- | ness.

3 When wilt thou côme | unto | me : I will walk in
my hóuse | with a | perfect | heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand * I hate the sins |
of un- | -faithfulness : there shall nô such | cleave | unto | me.

Her resolve to have a pure Court and faithful ministers.

5 A froward héart shall de- | -part from | me : I wíll
not | know a | wicked | person.

6 Whoso privily slánder- | -eth his | neighbour : him | —
will | I de- | -stroy.

7 Whoso hath also a proud lóok and | high | stomach :
I* | will not | suffer | him.

8 Mine eyes look upon such as are fáithful | in the |
land : thát | they may | dwell with | me.

9 Whoso léadeth a | godly | life : hé | — shall | be my |
servant.

10 There shall no deceitful person dwéll | in my | house :
he that telleth lies, sháll not | tarry | in my | sight.

11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are | in the |
land : that I may root out all wicked doers, fróm the | city |
of the | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CII. *Domine, exaudi.*

The Church in Penitence.

Occasion.—*Zion is in ruins, the Jewish Church in captivity and depressed it would seem beyond the power of recovery. There is only one ray of hope, and that the intense longing some of her sons have for her Restoration. It is this that some prophet, possibly Jeremiah, urges in this Psalm.*

Application.—*In places abroad and at home the Church is still in a captivity marked by humiliating features, infrequency of Communion, isolation, and contempt. But some there are who "think upon her stones," and their love for her inspires great hope.*

Use.—*Ash Wednesday (Evensong).*

The Church's appeal to be heard.

HÉAR my | prayer O | Lord : and let my crying |
come | unto | thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time | of my |
trouble : incline thine ear unto me when I call * O héar |
me and | that right | soon.

Her sad condition—dry, depressed, solitary, and reviled.

3 For my days are consumed a- | -way like | smoke :
and my bones are burnt up | as it | were a | firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten down and | withered . like | grass :
so that I' for- | -get to | eat my | bread.

5 For the voice | of my | groaning : my bones will
scarce | cleave | to my | flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican | in the | wilderness : and
like an owl | that is | in the | desert.

7 I have watched * and am even as it | were a |
sparrow : that sitteth a- | -lone up- | -on the | house-top.

8 Mine enemies revile me | all the . day | long : and
they that are mad upon me are | sworn to- | -gether .
a- | -gainst me.

9 For I have eaten ashes | as it . were | bread : and |
mingled . my | drink with | weeping ;

10 And that because of thine indig- | -nation . and |
wrath : for thou hast tákén me | up and | cast me | down.

11 My days are góne | like a | shadow : and I' am |
withered | like | grass.

Her hope, grounded on the concern her children have for her.

12 But thou, O Lórd shalt en- | -dure for | ever : and thy
remembrance throughóut | all | gener- | -ations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mércy up- | -on | Sion :
for it is time that thou have mercy upón her, | yea the |
time is | come.

14 And why * thy servants think up- | -on her | stones :
and it pitieth thém to | see her | in the | dust.

Church Revival promotes Missionary success.

15 The heathen shall féar thy | Name O | Lord : and all
the kíngs | of the | earth thy | Majesty ;

16 When the Lórd shall | build up | Sion : and wén
his | glory | shall ap- | -pear ;

17 When he turneth him unto the práyer of the | poor |
destitute : ánd de- | -spiseth . not | their de- | -sire.

18 This shall be written for thóse that | come | after :
and the people which sháll be | born shall | praise | the
Lord.

19 For he hath looked dówn | from his | sanctuary : out
of the héaven did the | Lord be- | -hold the | earth ;

20 That he might hear the mournings of súch as are |
in cap- | -tivity : and deliver the children ap- | -pointed |
unto | death ;

21 That they may declare the Náme of the | Lord in |
Sion : ánd his | worship | at Je- | -rusalem ;

22 When the péople are | gathered . to- | -gether : and
the kíngdoms | also . to | serve the | Lord.

And this in spite of weakness, for her King is Eternal.

23 He brought down my stréngth | in my | journey :
ánd | shortened | my | days.

24 But I said * O my God, take me not away in the
mídst | of mine | age : as for thy years, they endure
throughóut | all | gener- | -ations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning * hast laid the foundation | of the | earth : and the heavens are the | work of | thy | hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou | shalt en- | -dure : they all shall wax | old as | doth a | garment ;

27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them * and they | shall be | changed : but thou art the same, and thy | years | shall not | fail.

28 The children of thy servants | shall con- | -tinue : and their seed shall stand | fast | in thy | sight.

PSALM CIII. *Benedic, anima mea.*

National Thanksgiving.

Occasion.—Written “in the early years of the Return,” when “the sense of national forgiveness of which that Deliverance was the proof, was still fresh and vivid.”

Application.—Though the Nation's sins are many the Church finds food for thanksgiving and praise in the thought of what God has done for her in the past.

Use.—St. Michael's Day (American use). New Year's Day (American use).

God's goodness to the Nation deserves high praise.

PRAISE the Lord | O my | soul : and all that is within me | praise his | holy | Name.

2 Praise the Lord | O my | soul : and for- | -get not | all his | benefits ;

3 Who forgiveth | all thy | sin : and healeth | all | thine in- | -firmities ;

4 Who saveth thy life | from de- | -struction : and crowneth thee with | mercy . and | loving- | -kindness ;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with | good | things : making thee young and | lusty | as an | eagle.

So History declares.

6 The Lord executeth righteous- | -ness and | judgment : for all them that | are op- | -pressed . with | wrong.

7 He shewed his ways | unto | Moses : his works | unto . the | children . of | Israel.

8 The Lord is full of com- | -passion . and | mercy :
long-suffering, | and of | great | goodness.

9 He will not | alway . be | chiding : neither kēepeth |
he his | anger . for | ever.

10 He hath not déalt with us | after . our | sins : nor
réwarded us ac- | -cording | to our | wickednesses.

His mercy is boundless.

11 For look how high the heaven is in compárison | of
the | earth : so great is his mercy álso | toward | them
that | fear him.

12 Look how wide also the éast is | from the | west : so
fár hath he | set our | sins | from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pítieth his | own | children : even
so is the Lord mérciful | unto | them that | fear him.

And on it the national existence depends.

14 For he knoweth whereóf | we are | made : he remém-
bereth | that we | are but | dust.

15 The days of mán are | but as | grass : for he flourisheth
ás a | flower | of the | field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth óver it | it is | gone :
and the place thereóf shall | know it | no | more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord * endureth
for ever and éver upon | them that | fear him : and his
righteousness up- | -on | children's | children ;

18 Even upon súch as | keep his | covenant : and think
upon | his com- | -mandments . to | do them.

19 The Lord hath prépared his | seat in | heaven : and
his kíngdom | ruleth | over | all.

Appeal to all powers visible and invisible to praise Him.

20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his * yê that ex- | -cel
in | strength : ye that fulfil his commandment * and
hearken únto the | voice : of his | words.

21 O praise the Lórd, all | ye his | hosts : ye sérvants of |
his that | do his | pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his * in
all pláces of | his do- | -minion : práise thou the | Lord |
O my | soul.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CIV. *Benedic, anima mea.*

The work of the Holy Spirit in Nature.

Occasion.—*Probably written by the author of Psalm ciii. As he there calls for national thanksgiving on the ground of national mercies, so here on the ground of God's Providence in Nature.*

Application.—*The Church has always believed that the arrangement, order, beauty, and providence in Nature are due to the Holy Ghost, Who, when the world was without form and void "moved on the face of the waters." She sings this glorious Psalm in His praise.*

Use.—*Proper for Whit-Sunday (Evensong).*

Praise to the Holy Ghost.

PRAISE the Lórd | O my | soul : O Lord my God,
thou art become exceeding glorious * thou art clóthed
with | majes- | -ty and | honour.

His Glory seen in the light, the clouds, the wind, and the fire.

2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it wére | with a |
garment : and spreadest óut the | heavens | like a | curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of his chámbers | in the |
waters : and maketh the clouds his chariot * and walketh
upón the | wings | of the | wind.

4 He máketh his | angels | spirits : and his minis- | -ters
a | flaming | fire.

Praise Him for the beauty of earth and water.

5 He laid the foundátions | of the | earth : that it néver
should | move at | any | time.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep, líke as | with a |
garment : the wáters | stand | in the | hills.

7 At thý re- | -buke they | flee : at the vóice of thy |
thunder . they | are a- | -fraíd.

8 They go up as high as the hills * and dówn to the |
valleys . be- | -neath : even unto the pláce which | thou .
hast ap- | -pointed | for them.

9 Thou hast set them their bóunds which they | shall
not | pass : neither túrn a- | -gain to | cover . the | earth.

10 He sendeth the springs | into . the | rivers :
whích | run a- | -mong the | hills.

Praise Him for His gracious provision for man, bird and beast.

11 All beasts of the fiéld | drink there- | -of : ánd the wild | asses | quench their | thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the áir have their | habit- | -ation : ánd | sing a- | -mong the | branches.

13 He watereth the hills | from a- | -bove : the earth is filled with the | fruit | of thy | works.

14 He bringeth forth gráss | for the | cattle : and green hêrb | for the | service . of | men ;

15 That he may*bring food out of the earth * and wine that maketh glád the | heart of | man : and oil to make him a cheerful countenance * and bréad to | strengthen | man's | heart.

16 The trees of the Lord álso are | full of | sap : even the cedars of Líban- | -us which | he hath | planted ;

17 Wherein the bírds | make their | nests : and the fir-trees áre a | dwelling | for the | stork.

18 The high hills are a refuge fôr the | wild | goats : and so are the stóny | rocks | for the | conies.

Praise Him for the Ministry of Night and Day.

19 He appointed the móon for | certain | seasons : and the sún | knoweth . his | going | down.

20 Thou makest darkness * thát it | may be | night : wherein all the béasts | of the | forest . do | move.

21 The lions róaring | after . their | prey : dô | seek their | meat from | God.

22 The sun ariseth * and they gét them a- | -way to- | -gether : and láy them | down | in their | dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his wórk, and | to his | labour : ún- | -til the | even- | -ing.

Praise Him for the wonderful variety of His works and for His sustaining Power.

24 O Lord, how mánifold | are thy | works : in wisdom hast thou made them all * the éarth is | full | of thy | riches.

25 So is the gréat and | wide sea | also : wherein are things creeping innumerable * bóth | small and | great | beasts.

26 There go the ships * and thêre is | that Le- | -viathan : whom thou hast mâde to | take his | pastime . there- | -in.

27 These wáit | all up- . -on | thee : that thou mayest
give them | meat in | due | season.

28 When thou givest it thém they | gather | it : and
when thou openest thy hánd | they are | filled . with | good.

29 When thou hidest thy fáce | they are | troubled :
when thou takest away their breath they die * and are
túrned a- | -gain | to their | dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go fôrth they | shall
be | made : and thou shalt renéw the | face | of the | earth.

He alone is glorified and His praise shall be unceasing.

31 The glorious Majesty of the Lórd shall en- | -dure
for | ever : the Lórd shall re- | -joice | in his | works.

32 The earth shall trémble at the | look of | him : if he do
but tóuch the | hills | they shall | smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lórd as | long as . I | live : I will
praise my Gód | while I | have my | being.

34 And sô shall my | words | please him : my jôy shall |
be | in the | Lord.

35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the
earth * and the ungódlly shall | come . to an | end : praise
thou the Lord, O my sôul, | praise | — the | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CV. *Confitemini Domino.*

Divine History, a stimulus to Thanksgiving.

Subject.—*God's Acts in the past are recited to encourage the exiles on their return after the Captivity. There was much to discourage, but their God was the Same, and what He had done before He would do again.*

Application.—*Israel's history is in many respects a parable of the early History of the Church and presents many likenesses, some of which are suggested in the outline. If there was cause for thanksgiving then, how much more now.*

Use.—*For National Thanksgiving.*

An appeal to praise God for what He has done in the past.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord * and cáll up- | -on his |
Name : tell the péople what | things | he hath |
done.

2 O let your sôngs be of | him and | praise him : and
let your talking bê of | all his | wondrous | works.

3 Rejôice in his | holy | Name : let the heart of thém
re- | -joice that | seek the | Lord.

4 Seek the Lôrd | and his | strength : sêek his | face |
ever- | -more.

5 Remember the marvellous wôrks that | he hath |
done : his wonders, ând the | judgements | of his | mouth.

6 O ye seed of A'bra- | -ham his | servant : ye |
children . of | Jacob . his | chosen.

The New Covenant in Christ given to the Twelve.

7 Hê is the | Lord our | God : his jûdgements | are in |
all the | world.

8 He hath been alway mindful of his cove- | -nant and |
promise : that he mâde to a | thousand | gener- | -ations ;

9 Even the covenant that he mâde with | Abra- | -ham :
and the óath that he | sware | unto | Isaac ;

10 And appointed the same unto Jâcob | for a | law : and
to Israel fôr an | ever- | -lasting | testament ;

11 Saying, Unto thee will I gîve the | land of | Canaan :
thê | lot of | your in- | -heritance ;

12 When there were yêt but a | few of | them : and thêy |
strangers | in the | land ;

Who are miraculously protected in their missionary work.

13 What time as they went from ône nation | to
an- | -other : from one kîngdom | to an- | -other | people ;

14 He suffered nô man to | do them | wrong : but
reprôved even | kings for | their | sakes ;

15 Tóuch not | mine A- | -nointed : ând | do my |
prophets . no | harm.

Christ by His Sufferings, Death, and Resurrection prepares their way.

16 Moreover, he called for a dêarth up- | -on the | land :
and destróyed | all the . pro- | -vision . of | bread.

17 But he had sênt a | man be- | -fore them : even
Joseph, who was sôld to | be a | bond- | -servant ;

18 Whose feet they hûrt | in the | stocks : the iron |
entered | into . his | soul ;

19 Until the time came that his | cause was | known :
the word | of the | Lord | tried him.

20 The king sent, and de- | -livered | him : the prince of
the people | let him | go | free.

21 He made him lord also | of his | house : and | ruler .
of | all his | substance ;

22 That he might inform his princes | after . his | will :
and | teach his | senators | wisdom.

Increase and Persecution of the Church.

23 Israel also came | into | Egypt : and Jacob was a
stranger | in the | land of | Ham.

24 And he increased his | people . ex- | -ceedingly : and
made them | stronger | than their | enemies ;

25 Whose heart turned so that they | hated . his |
people : and dealt un- | -truly | with his | servants.

Apostolic preaching accompanied by signs, wonders, and Divine judgements.

26 Then sent he | Moses . his | servant : and | Aaron .
whom | he had | chosen.

27 And these showed his | tokens . a- | -mong them :
and wonders | in the | land of | Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and | it was | dark : and they were
not o- | -bedient | unto . his | word.

29 He turned their waters | into | blood : and | slew |
their | fish.

30 Their land | brought forth | frogs : yea, even | in their |
kings' | chambers.

31 He spake the word * and there came all | manner .
of | flies : and | lice in | all their | quarters.

32 He gave them hail- | -stones for | rain : and flames of |
fire | in their | land.

33 He smote their vines | also . and | fig-trees : and
destroyed the trees | that were | in their | coasts.

34 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came * and
cater- | -pillars . in- | -numerable : and did eat up all the
grass in their land * and devoured the | fruit | of their |
ground.

35 He smote all the first-born | in their | land : even the |
chief of | all their | strength.

The Church increases in material and spiritual wealth.

36 He brought them forth also with | silver . and | gold :
there was not one feeble | person . a- | -mong their | tribes.

37 Egypt was glád at | their de- | -parting : fór they |
were a- | -fraïd of | them.

38 He spread out a clóud to | be a | covering : and fire
to give líght | in the | night- | -season.

39 At their desíre he | brought | quails : and he filled
them | with the | bread of | heaven.

40 He opened the rock of stone * and the wáters |
flowed | out : so that rivers rân | in the | dry | places.

For this God promised long before by His Prophets.

41 For why, he remémbered his | holy | promise : ánd |
Abra- | -ham his | servant.

42 And he brought fórh his | people . with | joy :
ánd his | chosen | with | gladness ;

43 And gave them the lánds | of the | heathen : and they
took the lábours of the | people | in pos- | -session ;

44 That théy might | keep his | statutes : ánd ob- | -serve |
his | laws.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CVI. *Confitemini Domino.*

Human History, a Call to Penitence.

Occasion.—*Probably written at the time of the close of the Exile when the Accession of Cyrus gave the captives new hopes.*

Application.—*No one can read the Psalm without realizing that these sins have marked the history of Church and Nation, and that both need to be delivered from the darkness and bondage of practical heathenism.*

Use.—*For National Penitence.*

A call to thanksgiving in spite of sins.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lórd, for | he is | gracious :
ánd his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

2 Who can express the noble ácts | of the | Lord : ór |
shew forth | all his | praise ?

3 Blessed are they that | alway . keep | judgement :
 and | do | righteous- | -ness.

4 Remember me O Lord * according to the favour that
 thou bearest | unto . thy | people : O visit | me with | thy
 sal- | -vation ;

5 That I may see the felicity | of thy | chosen : and
 rejoice in the gladness of thy people * and give | thanks
 with | thine in- | -heritance.

Confession of the sin of Ingratitude and Disobedience,

6 We have sinned | with our | fathers : we have done
 a- | -miss and | dealt | wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt *
 neither kept they thy great goodness | in re- | -membrance :
 but were disobedient at the sea * even | at the | Red | Sea.

8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his | Name's | sake :
 that he might make his | power | to be | known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also * and it was | dried |
 up : so he led them through the | deep as | through a |
 wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the adver- | -sary's | hand :
 and delivered them from the | hand | of the | enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them * the waters over- |
 whelmed | them : there was not | one of | them | left.

12 Then believed | they his | words : and sang | praise |
 unto | him.

of Lust and Idolatry,

13 But within a while they for- | -gat his | works : and
 would | not a- | -bide his | counsel.

14 But lust came upon them | in the | wilderness : and
 they tempted | God | in the | desert.

15 And he gave them | their de- | -sire : and sent lean-
 ness with- | -al | into . their | soul.

16 They angered Moses also | in the | tents : and Aáron
 the | saint | of the | Lord.

17 So the earth opened, and | swallowed . up | Dathan :
 and covered the cong- | -regation | of A- | -biram.

18 And the fire was kindled | in their | company : the
 flame | burnt up | the un- | -godly.

19 They máde a | calf in | Horeb : ánd | worshipped .
the | molten | image.

20 Thús they | turned . their | glory : into the similitude
ôf a | calf that | eateth | hay.

21 And they forgát | God their | Saviour : who had dône
so | great | things in | Egypt ;

22 Wondrous wórks in the | land of | Ham : and fearful
things | by the | Red | Sea.

23 So he said, he would have destroyed them * had not
Moses his chosen stood befóre him | in the | gap : to turn
away his wrathful indignátion, | lest he | should de- | -stroy
them.

of Indifference to God's Promises and Murmuring,

24 Yea, they thought scórn of that | pleasant | land :
and gáve no | credence | unto . his | word ;

25 But mûrmured | in their | tents : and hearkened not
únto the | voice | of the | Lord.

26 Then lift he úp his | hand a- | -gainst them : to ôver- |
throw them | in the | wilderness ;

27 To cast out their sêed a- | -mong the | nations : ánd
to | scatter . them | in the | lands

of Superstition, Immorality, Distrust, and Cowardice

28 They joined themsêlves unto | Baal- | -peor : and áte
the | offerings | of the | dead.¹

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their | own
in- | -ventions : ánd the | plague was | great a- | -mong
them.

30 Thén stood up | Phinees . and | prayed : ánd | so the |
plague | ceased.

31 And that was cóunted unto | him for | righteousness :
among áll pos- | -teri- . -ties for | ever- | -more.

32 They angered him also áť the | waters . of | strife : so
that he púnished | Moses . for | their | sakes ;

33 Becáuse they pro- | -voked . his | spirit : so that he
spáke unad- | -visedly | with his | lips.

¹ "And ate the offerings of the dead." By the dead are not meant the departed, but the heathen gods which the devout Israelite always regarded as lifeless.

34 Neither destróyed | they the | heathen : ás the | Lord
com- | -manded | them ;

35 But were mingled a- | -mong the | heathen : ánd |
learned | their | works.

of Cruelty and Spiritual Degradation.

36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols * which
túrned to their | own de- | -cay : yea, they offered their
sóns and their | daughters | unto | devils ;

37 And shed innocent blood * even the blood of their
sóns and | of their | daughters : whom they offered unto
the idols of Canaan * and the lánd | was de- | -fled . with |
blood.

38 Thus were they stained with their | own | works : and
went a whóring | with their | own in- | -ventions.

Recognition of God's Justice and Mercy.

39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled a- |
gainst his | people : insomúch that he ab- | -horred . his |
own in- | -heritance.

40 And he gave them over into the hánd | of the |
heathen : and they that háted them were | lords | over |
them.

41 Their énemies op- | -pressed | them : ánd | had them |
in sub- | -jection.

42 Many a tíme did he de- | -liver | them : but they
rebelled against him with their own inventions * and were
bróught | down | in their | wickedness.

43 Nevertheless when he sáw | their ad- | -versity :
hé | heard | their com- | -plaint.

44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them *
according unto the múltitude | of his | mercies : yea, he
made all those that led them awáy | captive . to | pity |
them.

Prayer for redemption from evil that God's Praise may be unceasing.

45 Deliver us, O Lord our God * and gather us fróm
a- | -mong the | heathen : that we may give thanks unto
thy holy Name * and máke our | boast | of thy | praise.

46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlásting,
and | world with- . -out | end : and let áll the | people |
say A- | -men.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CVII. *Confitemini Domino.*

The Goodness of God.

Occasion.—*A call to thanksgiving for the blessings of Restoration from exile. "Israel had been on the point of perishing in the great desert of the world. It had been imprisoned in the gloomy dungeon of exile and had lain there crushed and hopeless. It had been sick unto death through its own sin. It had been all but swallowed up in the vast sea of the nations." But all was now changed by the power of God, Whose goodness is here the subject of Israel's praise.*

Application.—*What was true of Israel is still more true of the Church, whose members have known all the varied experiences here set forth. The redeemed are therefore invited to thank God for His goodness to the exiles, the enslaved, the depressed and the afflicted.*

Use.—*For National Thanksgiving.*

God's goodness deserves Universal Praise.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lórd, for | he is | gracious :
 and his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever

He finds a Home for the exiles and wanderers.

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lórd | hath
 re- | -deemed : and delivered fróm the | hand | of the |
 enemy ;

3 And gathered them out of the lands * from the east
 and | from the | west : fróm the | north and | from the |
 south.

4 They went astray in the wilderness | out . of the |
 way : and | found no | city . to | dwell in ;

5 Húngry | and | thirsty : thêir | soul | fainted | in them.

6 So they cried unto the Lórd | in their | trouble :
 and he delivered them | from | their dis- | -tress.

7 He led them fôrth by the | right | way : that they
 might gó to the | city | where they | dwelt.

8 O that men would therefore praise the Lórd | for his |
 goodness : and declare the wonders that he dóeth | for the |
 children . of | men !

9 For he satisfieth the | empty | soul : and filleth the | hungry | soul with | goodness.

He frees the captives and prisoners.

10 Such as sit in darkness * and in the | shadow . of | death : being fast bound in | mise- | -ry and | iron ;

11 Because they rebelled against the words | of the | Lord : and lightly regarded the counsel | of the | most | Highest ;

12 He also brought down their | heart through | heaviness : they fell down, and | there was | none to | help them.

13 So when they cried unto the Lórd | in their | trouble : he delivered them | out of | their dis- | -tress.

14 For he brought them out of darkness * and out of the | shadow . of | death : and | brake their | bonds in | sunder.

15 O that men would therefore praise the Lórd | for his | goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth | for the | children . of | men !

16 For he hath broken the | gates of | brass : and smitten the | bars of | iron . in | sunder.

He heals the sick and dying.

17 Foolish men are plágued for | their of- | -fence : and be- | -cause of | their | wickedness.

18 Their soul abhórred all | manner . of | meat : and they were éven | hard at | death's | door.

19 So when they cried unto the Lórd | in their | trouble : he delivered them | out of | their dis- | -tress.

20 He sent his wórd, and | healed | them : and they were | saved . from | their de- | -struction.

21 O that men would therefore praise the Lórd | for his | goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth | for the | children . of | men !

22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of | thanks- | -giving : and téll | out his | works with | gladness !

He gives rest to the storm-tossed and afflicted.

23 They that go down to the | sea in | ships : and occupy their | business . in | great | waters ;

24 These men see the wórks | of the | Lord : ánd his | wonders | in the | deep.

25 For at his word the stórmý | wind a- | -riseth : which lífteth | up the | waves there- | -of.

26 They are carried up to the heaven * and dówn again | to the | deep : their soul melteth awáy be- | -cause | of the | trouble.

27 They reel to and fro * and stagger líke a | drunken | man : ánd are | at their | wits' | end.

28 So when they cry unto the Lórd | in their | trouble . he delívereth them | out of | their dis- | -tress.

29 For he máketh the | storm to | cease : sô that the | waves there- | -of are | still.

30 Then are they glad, becáuse they | are at | rest : and sô he bringeth them unto the háven | where they | would | be.

31 O that men would therefore praise the Lórd | for his | goodness : and declare the wonders that he dóeth | for the | children . of | men !

32 That they would exalt him also in the congregátion | of the | people : and práise him in the | seat | of the | elders !

He rules and guides the changes and chances of life.

33 Who turneth the flóods | into . a | wilderness : ánd | drieth | up the | water-springs.

34 A fruitful lánd | maketh . he | barren : for the wícked-ness of | them that | dwell there- | -in.

35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a | standing | water : and wáter-springs | of a | dry | ground.

36 And thére he | setteth . the | hungry : that théy may | build . them a | city . to | dwell in ;

37 That they may sow their lánd, and | plant | vine-yards : tô | yield them | fruits of | increase.

38 He blesseth them * so that they múlty- | -ply ex- | ceedingly : and suffereth nót their | cattle | to de- | -crease.

39 And again * when they are mńished and | brought | low : through oppréssion, through | any | plague or | trouble ;

40 Though he suffer them to be evil in- | -treated .
through | tyrants : and let them wander out of the | way |
in the | wilderness ;

41 Yet helpeth he the pŏor | out of | misery : and maketh
him hŏuseholds | like a | flock of | sheep

The faithful will think of these things and find joy.

42 The righteous will consider this | and re- | -joice :
and the mŏuth of all | wickedness | shall be | stopped.

43 Whoso is wise will | ponder . these | things : and they
shall understand the loving- | -kindness | of the | Lord.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CVIII. *Paratum cor meum.*

The Power of Christ's Ascension.

Occasion.—*A composite Psalm made up of Psalms lvii. and lx.,
to celebrate some victory and inspire fresh hopes.*

Application.—*The Church applies it to Christ's Ascension, and
the natural expectations of success founded upon it.*

Use.—*For Ascension Day (Evensong).*

The Church praises God for the Ascension, and prays that its power
may be realised.

O GOD my heart is ready, my | heart is | ready : I will
sing and give praise with the bŕst | member | that I |
have.

2 Awáke, thou | lute and | harp : I myself | will a- |
wake right | early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee O Lŏrd, a- | -mong the |
people : I will sing práises unto | thee a- | -mong the |
nations.

4 For thy mercy is gréater | than the | heavens : and thy
trŭth | reacheth | unto . the | clouds.

5 Set up thyself O Gŏd, a- | -bove the | heavens : and
thy glŏry a- | -bove | all the | earth.

6 That thy belŏved may | be de- | -livered : let thy right
hand sáve | them, and | hear thou | me.

Her hope grounded on an old promise of victory.

7 God hath spóken | in his | holiness : I will rejoice
therefore, and divide Sichem * and mête | out the | valley.
of | Succoth.

8 Gilead is míne, and Ma- | -nasses . is | mine : Ephraim
also is the | strength | of my | head.

9 Judah is my law-giver * Móab | is my | washpot : over
Edom will I cast out my shoe * upón Phi- | -listia | will I |
triumph.

Trusting in the might of her Ascended Lord she calls for leaders to assail
a stronghold of Satan.

10 Who will lead me into the | strong | city : and who
will | bring me | into | Edom ?

11 Hast not thou forsáken | us O | God : and wilt not
thou, O Gód, go | forth | with our | hosts ?

12 O hélp us a- | -gainst the | enemy : for váin | is the |
help of | man.

13 Through Gód we shall | do great | acts : and it is hé
that shall | tread | down our | enemies.

PSALM CIX. *Deus laudum.*

The Cry of the Persecuted.

Occasion.—*Probably written by David during the persecution of
Saul, or the rebellion of Absalom.*

Application.—*The Church, when reproached and defamed by the
world, throws herself and her cause on God.*

Use.—*For the Church when misrepresented by powerful enemies.*

A prayer that God will break silence and help,

HOLD not thy tongue O Gód | of my | praise : for the
mouth of the ungodly * yea the móuth of the
de- | -ceitful . is | opened . up- | -on me.

2 And they have spoken agáinst me with | false |
tongues : they compassed me about also with words of
hatred * and fought against | me with- | -out a | cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them * lo, they take
nów my | contrary | part : búť I | give my- . -self | unto |
prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded me | evil . for | good : ánd | hatred . for | my good | will.¹

for the enmity of the wicked expressed in their curses is exceeding bitter.

5 Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler | over | him : and let Satan stand | at his | right | hand.²

6 When sentence is given upon him * lét him | be con- | -demned : and let his prayer be | turned | into | sin.

7 Lét his | days be | few : and lét an- | -other | take his | office.

8 Lét his | children . be | fatherless : ánd | — his | wife a | widow.

9 Let his children be vágabonds, and | beg their | bread : let them seek it álso | out of | desolate | places.

10 Let the extortioner consúme | all that . he | hath : and lét the | stranger | spoil his | labour.

11 Let there be nó man to | pity | him : nor to have compássion up- | -on his | fatherless | children.

12 Let his postêrity | be de- | -stroyed : and in the next generation lét his | name be | clean put | out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance * in the sight | of the | Lord : and let not the sín of his | mother . be | done a- | -way.

14 Let them alway bê be- | -fore the | Lord : that he may root out the memórial of | them from | off the | earth ;

15 And that, because his mind was | not to . do | good : but persecuted the poor helpless man * that he might slay him that was | vexed | at the | heart.

16 His delight was in cursing * and it shall háppen | unto | him : he loved not blessing * thêrefore shall | it be | far from | him.

¹ The quotation interpretation here adopted is at least a possible solution. Note the marked difference in the use of the singular (of the adversary) compared with the plural in the preceding and succeeding sections, and that the central section exactly coincides with all the maledictions.

² The word "Satan" is not used here as a proper name, but in its meaning of adversary, the desire being that when summoned before a tribunal he may find an accuser ready at once to defame his character.

17 He clothed himself with cursing * like as I with a I
raiment : and it shall come into his bowels like water * and
like I oil I into . his I bones.

18 Let it be unto him as the cloke that he I hath
up- I -on him : and as the girdle that he is I always I girded .
with- I -al.

May God meet their curses with His blessings.

19 Let it thus happen from the Lórd I unto . mine I
enemies : and to those that speak I evil . a- I -gainst my I
soul.

20 But deal thou with me, O Lord God * according I
unto . thy I Name : for I sweet I is thy I mercy.

21 O deliver me * for I am I helpless . and I poor : and
my I heart is I wounded . with- I -in me.

22 I go hence like the shadow I that de- I -parteth : and
am driven a- I -way I as the I grasshopper.

23 My knees are I weak through I fasting : my flesh is
dried I up for I want of I fatness.

24 I became also a reproach I unto I them : they that
looked up- I -on me I shook . their I heads.

25 Help me, O I Lord my I God : O save me ac- I -cording I
to thy I mercy ;

26 And they shall know * how that this is I thy I hand :
and that I thou I Lord hast I done it.

27 Though they curse, yet I bless I thou : and let them
be confounded that rise up against me * but I let thy I
servant . re- I -joice.

28 Let mine adversaries be I clothed . with I shame : and
let them cover themselves with their own con- I -fusion .
as I with a I cloke.

Then in spite of man's enmity the Church will praise God.

29 As for me * I will give great thanks unto the Lórd I
with my I mouth : and praise I him a- I -mong the I
multitude ;

30 For he shall stand at the right hand I of the I poor :
to save his soul I from un- I -righteous I judges.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CX. *Dixit Dominus.*

The Sovereignty and High Priesthood of the Incarnate Christ.

Occasion.—*The translation of the Ark to Zion leads to bright anticipations of what David would do when Jehovah had fixed his throne in Jerusalem. As Priest-King of Salem he would awaken enthusiasm among his people and conquer the heathen powers.*

Application.—*Only truly fulfilled in David's Son and David's Lord, whose Birth brings refreshment, whose Priesthood secures pardon, and whose Sovereignty order, to a weary world.*

Use.—*For Christmas Day (Evensong).*

The Divinity and Sovereignty of the Incarnate Lord.

THE Lord sâid unto | my | Lord : Sit thou on my right
hand * until I mâke thine | ene- | -mies thy | footstool.

His ultimate success.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy pŏwer | out of |
Sion : be thou ruler * éven in the | midst a- | -mong thine |
enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee
freewill-offerings * wíth an | holy | worship : the dew of
thy birth is óf the | womb | of the | morning.¹

His Divine Priesthood and Warfare with sin.

4 The Lord swâre, and will | not re- | -pent : Thou
art a Priest for ever * áfter the | order | of Mel- |
chisedech.

5 The Lórd upon | thy right | hand : shall wound even
kings in the | day | of his | wrath.

¹ "The dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning." *i.e.*, it has all the freshness and coolness that is characteristic of the dawn of day.

6 He shall judge among the heathen * he shall fill the places with the | dead | bodies : and smite in sunder the heads | over | divers | countries.

The secret of His power.

7 He shall drink of the brook | in the | way : therefore shall he | lift | up his | head.¹

PSALM CXI. *Confitebor tibi.*

The Hopes raised by the Resurrection.

Occasion.—*An alphabetical Psalm, written probably after the Exile, to encourage gratitude for what God had done in the past, and hope for the future.*

Application.—*The Church has naturally applied the Psalm to the deliverance effected by the Resurrection with the hopes of missionary success that are bound up with it.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day.*

The Resurrection worthy of all praise and honour.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lórd with my | whole | heart : secretly among the faithful, and | in the | congregation.

2 The works of the | Lord are | great : sought out of all them | that have | pleasure . there- | -in.

3 His work is worthy to be praised, and | had in | honour : and his righteous- | -ness en- | -dureth . for | ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his | marvellous | works : that they ought to be | had | in rem- | -embrance.

The blessings it brings and the hopes it excites.

5 He hath given meat unto | them that | fear him : he shall ever be | mindful | of his | covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power | of his | works : that he may give them the | heritage | of the | heathen.

¹ This literally refers to the unwearied character of the King's pursuit of the enemy. He does not go aside for an interval of refreshment, but just stoops down to drink of the stream he crosses and then hurries on. His exaltation is due to his persevering and determined pursuit which knows no stop. But spiritually it refers to the courage of the Priest-King in drinking in Gethsemane, just across the brook Kedron, the bitter cup which led to His exaltation on the Cross and in heaven.

7 The works of his hands are vêrity | and | judgement :
 áll | his com- | -mandments . are | true.

8 They stand fâst for | ever . and | ever : and are |
 done in | truth and | equity.

Its redeeming power.

9 He sent redémption | unto . his | people : he hath
 commanded his covenant for ever * hólý and | reverend |
 is his | Name.

10 The fear of the Lórd is the be- | -ginning . of | wisdom :
 a good understanding have all they that do thereafter *
 the práise of | it en- | -dureth . for | ever.

PSALM CXII. *Beatus vir.*

The Perfect Man.

Subject.—*Like Psalm cxi., an Alphabetical Psalm written after the Exile to describe the ideal man who trusts in God, and the effects of his life on his own generation.*

Application.—*To Christ, Whose Church is the mightiest influence on earth, Whose riches are inexhaustible and Whose character is perfect.*

Use.—*For Commemoration of Saints.*

The Influence and Prosperity of the Perfect One.

BLESSED is the mán that | feareth . the | Lord : he
 hath gréat de- | -light in | his com- | -mandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty up- | -on | earth : the
 generátion of the | faithful | shall be | blessed.

3 Riches and plenteousness shall bē | | in his | house :
 and his righteous- | -ness en- | -dureth . for | ever.

His Love and Confidence ;

4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light | in the |
 darkness : hé is | merciful | loving . and | righteous.

5 A good man is mérci- | -ful and | lendeth : and will
 gúide his | words | with dis- | -cretion.

6 For hé shall | never . be | moved : and the righteous
 shall be hád in | ever- | -lasting . re- | -membrance.

7 He will not be afráid of any | evil | tidings : for his
 heart standeth fâst, and be- | -lieveth | in the | Lord.

His Courage and Generosity.

8 His heart is estâblished, and I will not I shrink : until he sêe his de- I -sire up- I -on his I enemies.

9 He hath dispersed abroad * and given I to the I poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever * his hórñ shall I be ex- I -alted . with I honour.

10 The ungodly shall sêe it, and I it shall I grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away * the desíre of the un- I -godly I shall I perish.

The Great Hallel (PSA. 113-118).

Occasion.—*The Hallel, or Hymn of Praise, sung at the Three Great Festivals of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. At the domestic celebration of the Passover Psa. cxiii.-cxiv. are sung before the meat, Psa. cxv.-cxviii. after it, when the fourth cup has been filled. It was probably the Hymn sung by our Lord and His disciples before they left the upper chamber.*

PSALM CXIII. *Laudate, pueri.***The Resurrection and its effect on the Church.**

Occasion.—*Written to celebrate God's condescending care in redeeming Israel from the Babylonish captivity.*

Application.—*Probably sung by our Lord in anticipation of the fruits of His redeeming work. The Church looks back to the fulfilment of His desires in the Resurrection.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day (Evensong).*

Praise God for the Resurrection of Christ,

PRÁISE the I Lord ye I servants : O práise the I Name I of the I Lord.

2 Blessed be the Náme I of the I Lord : from this time I forth for I ever- I -more.

3 The Lórd's I Name is I praised : from the rising up of the sun, unto the góing I down I of the I same.

which manifests the Divine Humility,

4 The Lord is high a- I -bove all I heathen : ánd his I glory . a- I -bove the I heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God * that háth his I dwelling . so I high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that I are in I heaven and I earth ?

and His love for the Church.

6 He taketh up the simple | out . of the | dust : and
lifteth the | poor | out . of the | mire ;

7 That he may sê him | with the | princes : even with
the | princes | of his | people.

8 He maketh the barren wôman to | keep | house : and
to bê a | joyful | mother . of | children.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM CXIV. *In exitu Israel.*

The Victory of Christ over Death.

Occasion.—*A joyful Thanksgiving for the recent deliverance of
the nation from captivity.*

Application.—*To the Power of the Risen Christ over Death and
in Life.*

Use.—*Proper for Easter Day (Evensong).*

The joy of the Old Exodus realised in the New.

WHEN Israel câme | out of | Egypt : and the house
of Jacob frôm a- | -mong the | strange | people,

2 Júdah | was his | sanctuary : ând | Israel | his do- |
minion.

Christ's Risen Presence excites terror in the realms of death.

3 The sêa saw | that, and | fled : Jôr- | -dan was |
driven | back.

4 The môuntains | skipped . like | rams : and the lîttle |
hills like | young | sheep.

5 What aileth thee, O thou sêa | that thou | fleddest :
and thou Jórdan that | thou wast | driven | back ?

6 Ye mountains, thât ye | skipped . like | rams : and ye
lîttle | hills like | young | sheep ?

The earth henceforth irradiated by a new Presence and quickening Power.

7 Tremble thou earth, at the présence | of the | Lord :
at the présence | of the | God of | Jacob ;

8 Who turned the hard rôck into a | standing | water :
and the flînt-stone | into . a | springing | well.

PSALM CXV. *Non nobis, Domine.*

Praise of the Living God.

Occasion.—*Probably written after the Return from Babylon, when the Jewish Church was beginning to feel its weakness and the insolent tyranny of heathenism.*

Application.—*The Church oppressed by the worship of Mammon is stirred to put her trust in the living God.*

Use.—*When the Church is tempted to rely on wealth.*

Past successes prove the power of the Living God.

NOT unto us O Lord, not unto us * but unto thy Náme |
give the | praise : for thy loving mércy, and | for thy |
truth's | sake.

2 Wherefore sháll the | heathen | say : Whére | — is |
now their | God ?

Contrast between the Living God and dead idols.

3 As for óur God | he is . in | heaven : he hath dóné
whatso- | -ever | pleased | him.

4 Their ídols are | silver . and | gold : éven the | work
of | men's | hands.

5 Thêy have | mouths and | speak not : éyes | have |
they and | see not.

6 Thêy have | ears and | hear not : nóses | have | they
and | smell not.

7 They have hands and handle not * fêet have | they
and | walk not : néither | speak they | through their |
throat.

8 They that make them are líke | unto | them : and so
are all sũch as | put their | trust in | them.

Appeal to the whole Church to trust Him.

9 But thou house of Israel * trúst thou | in the | Lord :
hé is their | succour | and de- | -fence.

10 Ye house of Aaron * put your trúst | in the | Lord :
hé is their | helper | and de- | -fender.

11 Ye that fear the Lord * put your trúst | in the |
Lord : hé is their | helper | and de- | -fender.

What He has done a pledge of what He will do.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of ús, and | he shall | bless us : even he shall bless the house of Israel * hé shall | bless the | house of | Aaron.

13 He shall bless thém that | fear the | Lord : bóth | small | and | great.

14 The Lord shall incréase you | more and | more : yóu | and | your | children.

15 Ye are the bléssed | of the | Lord : whó | made | heaven and | earth.

His universal power worthy of all praise.

16 All the whole hêavens | are the | Lord's : the earth hath he gíven | to the | children . of | men.

17 The dead práise not | thee O | Lord : neither all thêy that go | down | into | silence.

18 But wê will | praise the | Lord : from this time forth for evcrmóre | Praise | — the | Lord.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXVI. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

Thanksgiving for the Resurrection.

Occasion.—*Probably Hezekiah's thanksgiving for recovery from imminent death.*

Application.—*The Church's thanksgiving for the Victory of Christ over death.*

Use.—*As a thanksgiving for private or national mercies. For the Churching of Women.*

The Church dedicates herself to God in gratitude for the Resurrection.

I AM | well | pleased : that the Lord hath hêard the | voice of | my | prayer ;

2 That he hath inclined his éar | unto | me : therefore will I call upon him as | long | as I | live.

3 The snares of death cômpassed me | round a- | -bout : and the páins of | hell gat | hold up- | -on me.

4 I shall find trouble and heaviness * and I will call upon the Náme | of the | Lord : O Lord, I beséech | thee de- | -liver . my | soul.

Henceforth she may serve free from all anxiety.

5 Gracious is the | Lord and | righteous : yéa, our | God is | merci- | -ful.

6 The Lórd pre- | -serveth . the | simple : I was in misery | and he | helped | me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rést | O my | soul : for the Lórd | hath re- | -warded | thee.

8 And why ? thou hast delivered my | soul from | death : mine eyes from téars | and my | feet from | falling.

9 I will wálk be- | -fore the | Lord : ín the | land | of the | living.

Men are untrustworthy, but God has proved Himself her help.

10 I believed, and therefore will I speak * but I' was | sore | troubled : I said in my háste | All | men are | liars.

11 What reward shall I gíve | unto . the | Lord : for all the benefits that hé hath | done | unto | me ?

12 I will receive the cúp | of sal- | -vation¹ : and cáll upon the | Name | of the | Lord.

13 I will pay my vows now in the présence of | all his | people : right dear in the sight of the Lórd is the | death | of his | saints.

She therefore gives herself to Him in Eucharists and unceasing Prayers.

14 Behold, O Lord, hów that | I am . thy | servant : I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid * thóu hast | broken . my | bonds in | sunder.

15 I will offer to thee the sâcrifice of | thanks- | -giving : and will call upón the | Name | of the | Lord.

16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord * in the síght of | all his | people : in the courts of the Lord's house * even in the midst of thee, O Jerúsalem | Praise | — the | Lord.

¹ "I will receive the cup of salvation." A cup of wine often formed part of a sacrificial thanksgiving as it did in the case of the Passover service. The words refer to the desire of the grateful heart to omit nothing which might mark its gratitude.

PSALM CXVII. *Laudate Dominum.***A Call to the Heathen.**

Occasion.—*The Restoration of Israel from exile led some prophet to see in it the salvation of the world, the nations of which he calls upon to glorify God for His mercy.*

Application.—*The Church, taught by St. Paul (Rom. xv. 11), appeals to the whole heathen world to praise her God.*

Use.—*For Festival of Epiphany (American use).*

Praise the Lord.

O PRAISE the Lórd | all ye | heathen : práise | — him |
all ye | nations.

2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and móre |
towards | us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for éver |
Praise | — the | Lord.

PSALM CXVIII. *Confitemini Domino.***The Triumph of the Risen Christ.**

Occasion.—*National Hymn of Thanksgiving for the blessing of restoration to their native land, sung by the exiles on the first celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles.*

Application.—*The Church's Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Resurrection.*

Use.—*Proper for Easter Day (Evensong).*

The confession of the faithfulness of God's love.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lórd, for | he is | gracious :
becáuse his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

2 Let Israel now conféss that | he is | gracious : and
thát his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

3 Let the house of Aáron | now con- | -fess : thát his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

4 Yea, let them now that féar the | Lord con- | -fess :
thát his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

The experience of this faithfulness in very sore trials.

5 I called upón the | Lord in | trouble : and the Lórd |
heard | me at | large.

6 The Lórd is | on my | side : I will not féar what | man .
doeth | unto | me.

7 The Lord taketh my párt with | them that | help
me : therefore shall I sée my de- | -sire up- | -on mine |
enemies.

8 It is better to trúst | in the | Lord : than to pút any |
confi- | -dence in | man.

9 It is better to trúst | in the | Lord : than to pút any |
confi- | -dence in | princes.

10 All nations cómpassed me | round a- | -bout : but in
the Náme of the | Lord will | I de- | -stroy them.

11 They kept me in on every side * they kept me in
I sáy on | every | side : but in the Náme of the | Lord
will | I de- | -stroy them.

12 They came about me like bees * and are extinct even
as the fire a- | -mong the | thórns : for in the Náme of the |
Lord I | will de- | -stroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at mé, that | I might | fall : búť
the | Lord | was my | help.

14 The Lord is my stréngth | and my | song : and is
be- | -come | my sal- | -vation.

The deliverance by the Power of God.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwéllings | of
the | righteous : the right hand of the Lórd bringeth |
mighty | things to | pass.

16 The right hand of the Lórd | hath . the pre- |
eminence : the right hand of the Lórd bringeth | mighty |
things to | pass.

17 I sháll not | die but | live : and decláre the |
works | of the | Lord.

18 The Lord hath chástened and cor- | -rected | me :
but he hath not gíven me | over | unto | death.

Fling wide the gates that Heaven may ring with joy.

19 O'pen me the | gates of | righteousness : that I may
go into them * ánd give | thanks | unto . the | Lord.

20 This is the gáte | of the | Lord : the righteous shall |
enter | into | it.

21 I will thank thee for | thou hast | heard me : and art
be- | -come | my sal- | -vation.

22 The same stone which the | builders . re- | -fused :
is become the | head-stone | in the | corner.

23 This is the | Lord's | doing : and it is | marvellous |
in our | eyes.

24 This is the day which the | Lord hath | made : we
will rejoice | and be | glad in | it.

Hosanna and Blessing to the Risen Christ.

25 Help me | now O | Lord : O Lord | send us | now
pros- | -perity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name | of the |
Lord : we have wished you good luck * ye that are of the |
house | of the | Lord.

27 God is the Lord who hath | shewed . us | light : bind
the sacrifice with cords * yea, even unto the | horns |
of the | altar.

28 Thou art my God, and | I will | thank thee : thou
art my | God, and | I will | praise thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lord, for | he is | gracious :
and his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXIX.

Worship of the Law of God.

Occasion.—Written after the Exile by a great sufferer. Some have supposed that this alphabetical Psalm was composed when its author was in prison, but though we know he was in danger of his life, persecuted, and despised by his own countrymen, some of them people of position, there is nothing to show that he was deprived of his liberty. His one comfort in all his distress was the Law of God, i.e., the revelation of the Will of One to Whom he clung with adoring love.

Application.—*This Psalm. repeated every day in the Services of the Hours, was for hundreds of years the Prayer Book of the Saints. So in later times it has become what it was to Ruskin, "most precious in its overflowing and glorious passion of love for the Law of God." This includes all that is meant by the knowledge of God's Will, and is made known to us, by His Word, i.e., the Gospel of the Word of God; His testimonies, all that bear witness to Him, especially the Sacraments; His statutes, i.e., the prescribed laws of His Church, such as those relating to the observance of Sundays, Festival and Feast days; His judgements, i.e., the disciplinary trials of life; His way, i.e., the ordered experiences of life; and His Commandments, i.e., the Decalogue as fulfilled by Christ's teaching. When we realize that His Will is perfect Love and personified in Jesus Christ, Who is "the Incarnation of the Law," we feel that our admiration of it and our passion for it are but expressions of our devotion to Him.*

Beati immaculati.

Blessings of obedience to God's Law.

Use.—*Daily at Prime.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled | in the | way :
and wâlk in the | law | of the | Lord.

2 Blessed are thêy that | keep his | testimonies : and
sêek him | with their | whole | heart.

3 For thêy who | do no | wickedness : wâlk | — in |
his | ways.

4 Thôu | hast | charged : that we shall dîligently |
keep | thy com- | -mandments.

5 O that my ways were mâde | so di- | -rect : thât |
I might | keep thy | statutes !

6 So shall I nôt | be con- | -founded : while I have
respêct unto | all | thy com- | -mandments.

7 I will thank thee with an un- | -feigned | heart :
when I shall have lêarned the | judgements | of thy |
righteousness.

8 I' will | keep thy | ceremonies : O' for- | -sake me |
not | utterly.

In quo corriget ?

Its wholesome discipline guards against sin.

Use.—*Daily at Prime.*

WHEREWITHAL shall a yôung man | cleanse his |
way : even by rúling him- | -self | after . thy |
word.

10 With my whole hêart | have I | sought thee : O let
me not go wróng | out of | thy com- | -mandments.

11 Thy words have I híd with- | -in my | heart : thát I |
should not | sin a- | -gainst thee.

12 Bléssed art | thou O | Lord : O' | teach | me thy |
statutes.

13 With my líps have | I been | telling : of áll the |
judgements | of thy | mouth.

14 I have had as great delight in the wáy | of thy |
testimonies : ás in | all | manner . of | riches.

15 I will tâlk of | thy com- | -mandments : and háve
re- | -spect | unto . thy | ways.

16 My delight shall bé | in thy | statutes : and I' will |
not for- | -get thy | word.

Retribue servo tuo.

Its wondrous beauty excites fervent longings.

Use.—*Daily at Prime.*

O DO wéll | unto . thy | servant : that I' may | live and |
keep thy | word.

18 O'pen | thou mine | eyes : that I may sêe the wondrous |
things | of thy | law.

19 I am a stránger up- | -on | earth : O híd not | thy
com- | -mandments | from me.

20 My soul breaketh out for the véry | fervent . de- |
sire : that it háth | alway | unto . thy | judgements.

21 Thóu hast re- | -buked . the | proud : and cursed are
thêy that do | err from | thy com- | mandments.

22 O turn from me shâme | and re- | -buke : fôr | I have | kept thy | testimonies.

23 Princes also did sît and | speak a- | -gainst me : but thy sêrvant is | occupied | in thy | statutes.

24 For thy têtimonies are | my de- | -light : ând | — | my | counsellors.

Adhæsit pavimento.

Its Quickening Power gives Truth and Liberty.

Use.—*Daily at Prime.*

MY soul cléaveth | to the | dust : O quicken thou mé ac- | -cording | to thy | word.

26 I have acknowledged my wâys and thou | heardest | me : O' | teach | me thy | statutes.

27 Make me to understand the wâý of | thy com- | -mandments : and so shall I tâlk | of thy | wondrous | works.

28 My soul melteth awâý for | very | heaviness : comfort thou mé ac- | -cording | unto . thy | word.

29 Take from mé the | way of | lying : and cause thou me to máke | much | of thy | law.

30 I have chòsen the | way of | truth : and thy júdge-ments | have I | laid be- | -fore me.

31 I have stúck | unto . thy | testimonies : O' | Lord con- | -found me | not.

32 I will run the wâý of | thy com- | -mandments : whén thou hast | set my | heart at | liberty.

Morning Prayer.

Legem pone.

Its study reveals the hollowness of the world.

Use.—*Daily at Tierce.*

TEACH me O Lord, the wâý | of thy | statutes : and I' shall | keep it | unto . the | end.

34 Give me understanding, and I' shall | keep thy | law : yea I shall kêep it | with my | whole | heart.

35 Make me to go in the páth of | thy com- | -mandments : fôr there- | -in is | my de- | -sire.

36 Incline my hêart | unto . thy | testimonies : ând | not to | covetous- | -ness.

37 O turn away mine eyes * lēst they be- | -hold | vanity : and quicken thou | me in | thy | way.

38 O stablish thy wórd | in thy | servant : thát | I may | fear | thee.

39 Take away the rebûke that | I am . a- | -fraid of : fôr thy | judgements | are | good.

40 Behold, my delight is in | thy com- | -mandments : O' | quicken . me | in thy | righteousness.

Et veniat super me.

Its wisdom confounds the mighty.

Use.—*Daily at Tierce.*

LET thy loving mercy come also ûnto | me O | Lord : even thy salvátion, ac- | -cording | unto . thy | word.

42 So shall I make answer ûnto | my blas- | -phemers : fôr my | trust is | in thy | word.

43 O take not the word of thy truth útterly | out of . my | mouth : fôr my | hope is | in thy | judgements.

44 So shall I álway | keep thy | law : yéa, for | ever | and | ever.

45 And I' will | walk at | liberty : fôr I | seek | thy com- | -mandments.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also * éven be- | fore | kings : ând | will not | be a- | -shamed.

47 And my delight shall bé in | thy com- | mandments : whích | I | have | loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commándments, whích | I have | loved : and my stúdy shall | be in | thy | statutes.

Memor esto servi tui.

Its comfortable Doctrine silences fears.

Use.—*Daily at Tierce.*

O THINK upon thy servant, ás con- | -cerning . thy |
word : wherein thou hast cáused | me to | put
my | trust.

50 The same is my cômfort | in my | trouble : fôr thy |
word hath | quickened | me.

51 The proud have had me excéedingly | in de- | -rision :
yet háve I not | shrunked | from thy | law.

52 For I remembered thine everlásting | judgements .
O | Lord : ánd | — re- | -ceived | comfort.

53 I am hórri- | -bly a- | -fraid : for the ungódly | that
for- | -sake thy | law.

54 Thy státutes have | been my | songs : ín the | house |
of my | pilgrimage.

55 I have thought upon thy Name, O Lórd, in the |
night- | -season : ánd have | kept | thy | law.

56 Thís | I | had : becáuse I | kept | thy com- | mandments.

Portio mea, Domine.

Its acceptance leads to penitence and devotion.

Use.—*Daily at Tierce.*

THÓU art my | portion . O | Lord : I have prómised to |
keep | thy | law.

58 I made my humble petition in thy presence * with
my | whole | heart : O be merciful unto mé, ac- | -cord-
ing | to thy | word.

59 I called mine own wáys | to re- | -membráñce : and
túrned my | feet | unto . thy | testimonies.

60 I made haste, and prolónged | not the | time : tó |
keep | thy com- | -mandments.

61 The congregations of the ungódly have | robbed |
me : but I have | not for- | -gotten . thy | law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks | unto | thee :
because | of thy | righteous | judgements.

63 I am a companion of all | them that | fear thee :
and | keep | thy com- | -mandments.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full | of thy | mercy : Ó |
teach | me thy | statutes.

Bonitatem fecisti.

Its preciousness revealed in trouble.

Use.—*Daily at Tierce.*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously | with thy | servant :
ác- | -cording | unto . thy | word.

66 O learn me true under- | -standing . and | know-
ledge : for I' have be- | -lieved | thy com- | -mandments.

67 Before I was troubled, I | went | wrong : but now |
have I | kept thy | word.

68 Thou art | good and | gracious : O' | teach | me
thy | statutes.

69 The proud have imagined a | lie a- | -gainst me :
but I will keep thy commandments | with my | whole |
heart.

70 Their heart is as | fat as | brawn : but my delight
hath | been in | thy | law.

71 It is good for me that I' have | been in | trouble :
that | I may | learn thy | statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is dearer | unto | me : than |
thousands . of | gold and | silver.

Ebening Prayer.

Manus tuæ fecerunt me.

Loyal obedience to it brings good friends.

Use.—*Daily at Tierce.*

THY hands have made me and | fashioned | me : O give
me understanding * that I' may | learn | thy com- |
mandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad | when they | see me :
because I have put my | trust | in thy | word.

75 I know, O Lórd, that thy | judgements . are | right :
and that thou of very fáithfulness hast | caused . me |
to be | troubled.

76 O let thy merciful kindness | be my | comfort : accórd-
ing to thy | word | unto . thy | servant.

77 O let thy loving mercies come unto mé, that | I may |
live : fór thy | law is | my de- | -light.

78 Let the proud be confounded * for they go wickedly
about | to de- | -stroy me : but I will be óccu- | -pied in !
thy com- | -mandments.

79 Let such as fear thee * ánd have | known thy | testi-
monies : bẽ | turned | unto | me.

80 O let my heart be sôund | in thy | statutes : thát I |
be | not a- | -shamed.

Defecit anima mea.

Hope sustained by it even in persecution.

Use.—*Daily at Sext.*

MY soul hath lónged for | thy sal- | -vation : and I
have a good hópe be- | -cause of | thy | word.

82 Mine eyes long sôre | for thy | word : saying, O
whén | wilt thou | comfort | me ?

83 For I am become like a bóttele | in the | smoke¹ : yêť do
I | not for- | -get thy | statutes.

84 How mány are the dâys | of thy | servant : when
wilt thou be avénged of | them that | persecute | me ?

85 The proud have dígged | pits for | me : whích | are
not | after . thy | law.

86 A'll thy com- | -mandments . are | true : they perse-
cute me fâlsely | O be | thou my | help.

87 They had almost made an end of mé up- | -on | earth :
but I' for- | -sook not | thy com- | -mandments.

88 O quicken me áfter thy | loving- | -kindness : and so
shall I kEEP the | testimonies | of thy | mouth.

¹ "I am become like a bottle in the smoke." The Eastern bottles were and are still in some places wine skins. A bottle in the smoke would be a very dry wine skin, and therefore symbolical of one who had lost all refreshment in life.

In æternum, Domine.

Though all men perish it still abides.

Use.—*Daily at Sext.*

O LÓRD | thy | word : éñ- | -dureth . for | ever . in | heaven.

90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generátion | to an- | -other : thou hast laid the foundátion of the | earth and | it a- | -bideth.

91 They continue this day accórding | to thine | ordinance : fôr | all things | serve | thee.

92 If my delight had nót been | in thy | law : I' should have | perished | in my | trouble.

93 I will never forgét | thy com- | -mandments : for with thém | thou hast | quickened | me.

94 I' am | thine O | save me : for I' have | sought | thy com- | -mandments.

95 The ungodly laid wáit for me | to de- | -stroy me : but I' will con- | -sider | thy | testimonies.

96 I see that áll things | come . to an | end : but thy commándment | is ex- | -ceeding | broad.¹

Quomodo dilexi !

The study of it makes a man wise.

Use.—*Daily at Sext.*

L ORD, what lóve have I | unto . thy | law : all the day lóng | is my | study | in it.

98 Thou through thy commandments * hast made me wíser | than mine | enemies : fôr | they are | ever | with me.

99 I have more understanding | than my | teachers : fôr thy | testimonies | are my | study.

100 I am wíser | than the | aged : becáuse I | keep | thy com- | -mandments.

¹ "I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad," *i.e.*, he found that everything had its limit, its own appointed measure, but God's law was endless in its perfections.

101 I have refrained my feet from évery | evil | way :
thát | I may | keep thy | word.

102 I have not shrunk | from thy | judgements : fór |
thou | teachest | me.

103 O how sweet are thy wórds | unto . my | throat :
yea swéeter than | honey | unto . my | mouth.

104 Through thy commandments I gét | under- |
standing : thérefore I | hate all | evil | ways.

Morning Prayer.

Lucerna pedibus meis.

Its light strengthens resolves in the darkest times.

Use.—*Daily at Sext.*

THY word is a lântern | unto . my | feet : ánd a | light |
unto . my | paths.

106 I have swórn, and am | stedfastly | purposed : tô |
keep thy | righteous | judgements.

107 I am tróubled a- | -bove | measure : quicken me,
O Lórd, ac- | -cording | to thy | word.

108 Let the free-will-offerings of my mouth pléase |
thee O | Lord : ánd | teach | me thy | judgements.

109 My soul is álway | in my | hand : yét do I | not
for- | -get thy | law.

110 The ungodly have láid a | snare for | me : but yet I
swérvéd | not from | thy com- | -mandments.

111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine hérit- | -age
for | ever : and why ? they are the véry | joy | of my | heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfil thy | statutes |
álway : éven | un- | -to the | end.

Iniquos odio habui.

Its righteous judgements excite abhorrence of evil.

Use.—*Daily at Sext.*

IHATE them that imáagine | evil | things : búť thy |
law | do I | love.

114 Thou art mý de- | -fence and | shield : ánd my |
trust is | in thy | word.

115 Awáy from | me ye | wicked : I will kEEP the com- | mandments | of my | God.

116 O stablsh me according to thy wórd, that | I may | live : and let me not be dísap- | -pointed | of my | hope.

117 Hold thou me úp, and I | shall be | safe : yea, my delight shall be | ever | in thy | statutes.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depárt | from thy | statutes : for thEY im- | -agine | but de- | -ceit.

119 Thou putttest away all the unGódlý of the | earth like | dross : thErefore I | love | thy | testimonies.

120 My flesh trÉmbleth for | fear of | thee : and I' am a- | -fraid of | thy | judgements.

Feci iudicium.

The love of it incompatible with false dealing.

Use.—*Daily at Sext.*

I DEAL with the thÍng that is | lawful . and | right : O give me not óver | unto | mine op- | pressors.

122 Make thou thy servant to delÍght in | that which . is | good : that the prÓud | do me | no | wrong.

123 Mine eyes are wasted away with lÓoking | for thy | health : and fÓr the | word | of thy | righteousness.

124 O deal with thy servant according únto thy | loving | mercy : ánd | teach | me thy | statutes.

125 I am thy servant, O gránt me | under- | -standing : thát | I may | know thy | testimonies.

126 It is time for thee LÓrd to lay | to thine | hand : fÓr they | have de- | -stroyed . thy | law.

127 For I lÓve | thy com- | -mandments : abÓve | gold and | precious | stone.

128 Therefore hold I stráight all | thy com- | -mandments : and all false wáys I | utter- | -ly ab- | -hor.

Mirabilia.

Its miraculous endowments enlighten and refresh.

Use.—*Daily at Nones.*

THY tēstimonies | are | wonderful : thērefore | doth
my | soul | keep them.

130 When thy wōrd | goeth | forth : it giveth light and
ûnder- | -standing | unto . the | simple.

131 I opened my mōuth, and drew | in my | breath¹ : for
my delight | was in | thy com- | -mandments.

132 O look thou upon me * and be mērciful | unto | me :
as thou usest to dô unto | those that | love thy | Name.

133 Order my stēps | in thy | word : and so shall no
wickedness hāve do- | -minion | over | me.

134 O deliver me from the wrōngful | dealings . of |
men : and sô shall I | keep | thy com- | -mandments.

135 Shew the light of thy cōuntenance up- | -on thy |
servant : ând | teach | me thy | statutes.

136 Mine êyes gush | out with | water : becāuse men |
keep | not thy | law.

Justus es, Domine.

Its righteous character inspires burning zeal.

Use.—*Daily at Nones.*

RÍGHTEOUS art | thou O | Lord : ând | true | is
thy | judgement.

138 The testimonies that thōu | hast com- | -manded :
âre ex- | -ceeding | righteous . and | true.

139 My zeal hath êven con- | -sumed | me : because
mine ênemies | have for- | -gotten . thy | words.

140 Thy word is trîed | to the | uttermost : ând thy |
servant | loveth | it.

141 I am small, and of nô | repu- | -tation : yet do I
nôt for- | -get | thy com- | -mandments.

¹ "I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath." The first half refers to the desire he had to receive as much of God's law as he possibly could; the second to his yearning, panting eagerness to get it as quickly as possible.

142 Thy righteousness is an éver- | -lasting | righteousness : and thy | law | is the | truth.

143 Trouble and heaviness have tåken | hold up- | -on me : yet is my de- | -light in | thy com- | -mandments.

144 The righteousness of thy tēstimonies is | ever- | lasting : O grånt me under- | -standing . and | I shall | live.

Ebening Prayer.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

Its absorbing interest evokes unceasing Prayer.

Use.—*Daily at Nones.*

I CÅLL with my | whole | heart : hear me, O Lórd | I will | keep thy | statutes.

146 Yea, even unto thée | do I | call : hēlp me, and | I shall | keep thy | testimonies.

147 Early in the morning do I crý | unto | thee : for in thy | word | is my | trust.

148 Mine eyes prevēnt the | night- | -watches : that I might be | occupied | in thy | words.

149 Hear my voice, O Lord * according unto thy | loving- | -kindness : quicken me ac- | -cording . as | thou art | wont.

150 They draw nigh that of målice | persecute | me : and are | far | from thy | law.

151 Be thou nigh at | hand O | Lord : for åll | thy com- | mandments : are | true.

152 As concerning thy testimonies * I have | known long | since : that thou hast | grounded | them for | ever.

Vide humilitatem.

Its unchanging truth encourages loyalty and devotion.

Use.—*Daily at Nones.*

O CONSIDER mine adversity * and de- | -liver | me : for I do | not for- | -get thy | law.

154 Avenge thou my cåuse, and de- | -liver | me : quicken me, ac- | -cording | to thy | word.

155 Health is fâr from | the un- | -godly : for they
re- | -gard | not thy | statutes.

156 Gréat is thy | mercy . O | Lord : quicken | me as |
thou art | wont.

157 Many there are that tróuble me, and | persecute |
me : yet do I' not | swerve | from thy | testimonies.

158 It grieveth me whén I | see the . trans- | -gressors :
becáuse they | keep | not thy | law.

159 Consider O Lord, how I lóve | thy com- | -mandments :
O quicken me, accórding | to thy | loving- | -kindness.

160 Thy word is trúe from | ever- | -lasting : all the
judgements of thy righteousness * én- | -dure for | ever- |
more.

Principes persecuti sunt.

The fear of it bringeth great Peace.

Use.—*Daily at Nones.*

PRINCES have persecuted mé with- | -out a | cause :
but my heart stándeth in | awe | of thy | word.

162 I am as glád | of thy | word : as óne that | findeth |
great | spoils.

163 As for lies, I hâte | and ab- | -hor them : búť thy |
law | do I | love.

164 Seven times a dáy do I | praise | thee : becáuse |
of thy | righteous | judgements.

165 Great is the peace that they have who | love thy |
law : ánd they are | not of- | -fended | at it.

166 Lord, I have lóoked for thy | saving | health : and
dóne | after | thy com- | -mandments.

167 My sôul hath | kept thy | testimonies : ánd | loved |
them ex- | -ceedingly.

168 I have kêpt thy com- | -mandments . and |
testimonies : for áll my | ways | are be- | -fore thee.

Appropinquet deprecation.

By it the penitent findeth health and praise.

Use.—*Daily at Nones.*

LET my complaint côme before | thee O | Lord :
give me understandíng, ac- | -cording | to thy | word.

170 Let my supplication | come be- | -fore thee :
deliver me, ac- | -cording | to thy | word.

171 My lips shall speak | of thy | praise : when thou
hast | taught | me thy | statutes.

172 Yea, my tongue shall sing | of thy | word : for all |
thy com- | -mandments • are | righteous.

173 Let thine | hand | help me : for I have | chosen |
thy com- | -mandments.

174 I have longed for thy saving | health O | Lord : and
in thy | law is | my de- | -light.

175 O let my soul live, and | it shall | praise thee :
and thy | judgements | shall | help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep | that is | lost :
O seek thy servant * for I do not for- | -get | thy com- |
mandments.

PSALMS CXX.—CXXXIV.

THE FIFTEEN PILGRIM SONGS.

*" Singing songs of expectation
Marching to the Promised Land."*

Occasion.—"A Song of Ascents" or "for the goings up" is the title prefixed to the group of Psalms cxx.-cxxxiv., which appears to have formed a separate collection. The meaning is not certain, but that which suits the contents of the Psalms best is that which refers it to the pilgrimages made to Jerusalem for the celebration of the Great Festivals.

Application.—They may be fitly used of our pilgrimage here to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXX. *Ad Dominum.*

(1) The longing to be at rest.

Occasion.—The contempt of their Babylonian captors and the abuse from which they constantly suffered made the Israelites long for deliverance and the rest it would bring.

Application.—Nothing leads the Church to sigh for her heavenly home so much as the bitter words of controversy.

Use.—For the Church when oppressed by slander.

The cry for rest from slanderous tongues.

WHEN I was in trouble I called up- | -on the | Lord :
 and | — he | heard | me.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lórd, from | lying | lips : and |
 from . a de- | -ceitful | tongue.

3 What reward shall be given or done unto thêe, thou |
 false | tongue : even mighty and sharp árrows, with | hot |
 burning | coals.

The distressful circumstance.

4 Woe is me, that I am constráined to | dwell with |
 Mesech : and to have my habítation a- | -mong the | tents
 of | Kedar.¹

5 My soul hath lóng | dwelt a- . -mong | them : thát are |
 enemies | unto | peace.

6 I labour for peace * but when I spéak unto | them
 there- | -of : thêy | make them | ready . to | battle.

PSALM CXXI. *Levavi oculos.*

(2) The journey only safely undertaken in God.

Occasion.—*The pilgrims encourage one another with mutual addresses of faith, as they face the serious difficulties of the long and dangerous journey.*

Application.—*The Church stimulates her children to go forward by promises of Divine protection.*

Use.—*For those about to travel.*

The upward look of faith

I WILL lift up mine éyes | unto . the | hills : fróm |
 whence | cometh . my | help.

2 My help cometh éven | from the | Lord : whó hath |
 made | heaven and | earth.

met by the promise of Protection and Preservation.

3 He will not suffer thy fôot | to be | moved : and
 hé that | keepeth . thee | will not | sleep.

4 Behold, hé that | keepeth | Israel : sháll | neither |
 slumber . nor | sleep.

5 The Lord himsêlf | is thy | keeper : the Lord is
 thy défence up- | -on thy | right | hand ;

¹ "Mesech." A cruel and savage tribe living near the Caspian Sea.
 "Kedar." A wild, wandering tribe of Arabia. The names are typical of the
 worst kind of neighbours.

6 So that the sun shall not bŭrn | thee by | day :
neither the | moon | by | night.

7 The Lord shall presérve thee from | all | evil : yea,
it is even hé | that shall | keep thy | soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out * ánd thy |
coming | in : from thís time | forth for | ever- | -more.

PSALM CXXII. *Lætatus sum.*

(3) **Jerusalem the goal and expectation.**

Occasion.— *The joy and hope felt by the pilgrim as he is invited by friends to make the journey to the much loved city.*

Application.— *We are taught here not only to think of the Ideal and Heavenly City, whither the saints have gone up and where they are at rest, but of the Church Militant here on earth for which we pray.*

Use.— *For Church Unity.*

The Joy the thought of Jerusalem gives.

I WAS glad when they sáid | unto | me : We will gó
into the | house | of the | Lord.

2 Our feet shall stánd | in thy | gates : O' | —
Je- | -rusa- | -lem.

Its Unity and Divine Authority.

3 Jerusalem is búilt | as a | city : that ís at | unity |
in it- | -self.

4 For thither the tribes go up * even the tríbés | of the |
Lord : to testify unto Israel * to give thánks unto the |
Name | of the | Lord.

5 For thére is the | seat of | judgement : even the
séat | of the | house of | David.

Prayer for its peace on earth.

6 O pray for the péace | of Je- | -rusalem : théy shall |
prosper . that | love | thee.

7 Péace be with- | -in thy | walls : and plénteous- |
ness with- | -in thy | palaces.

8 For my bréthren and com- | -panions' | sakes : I' will |
wish | thee pros- | -perity.

9 Yea, because of the hóuse of the | Lord our | God :
I' will | seek to | do thee | good.

PSALM CXXIII. *Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

(4) **Though despised by man the Pilgrims have a Friend in God.**

Occasion.—*The contempt and bitter hatred felt for the Jews was a trying experience for those who had to live away from Palestine. The best amongst them met it by simple faith.*

Application.—*In some places the Church feels what the Jew felt, and has no other resource but to throw herself upon God.*

Use.—*In times of Church distress.*

The Pilgrim's Faith

U NTO thée lift I | up mine | eyes : O thóu that |
dwellest | in the | heavens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters * and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hánd | of her | mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God * until | he have | mercy . up- | -on us.

and Prayer.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lórd, have | mercy . up- | -on us : for wé are | utter- | -ly de- | -spised.

4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof | of the | wealthy : and with the de- | -spiteful- . -ness | of the | proud.

PSALM CXXIV. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

(5) **The home would never be reached were it not for the Lord.**

Occasion.—*The pilgrims are here invited to remember a great deliverance from some sudden danger, such as may have occurred on the return from Babylon, or afterwards whilst building the walls of Jerusalem. Encouraged by the recollection, they would go forth with renewed hope.*

Application.—*The Church recalls a time when a scattered band of poor men who alone represented Christianity became a mighty power by the Resurrection.*

Use.—*In times of difficulty.*

The dangers by the way,

I F the Lord himself had not been on our side *
nów may | Israel | say : If the Lord himself had not
been on our síde, when | men rose | up a- | -gainst us ;

2 They had swállowed | us up | quick : when they were so wráthful- | -ly dis- | -pleased | at us.

3 Yea, the wáters had | drowned | us : and the stréam had | gone | over . our | soul.

4 The déep waters | of the | proud : had góne | even | over . our | soul.

and the Divine Deliverance.

5 But práised | be the | Lord : who hath not given us over fór a | prey | unto . their | teeth.

6 Our soul is escaped * even as a bird out of the snáre | of the | fowler : the snare is bróken | and we | are de- | -livered.

7 Our help standeth in the Náme | of the | Lord : whó hath | made | heaven and | earth.

PSALM CXXV. *Qui confidunt.*

(6) But with the Lord our forces are invincible.

Occasion.—*The Psalmist has here in mind the wonderful protection God afforded the builders, as with one hand they worked and the other grasped their weapons. The Lord was felt to be standing round about His people.*

Application.—*Again and again the Church has been in imminent peril and been saved by the protecting hand of her King. None of her children need despair if only they trust in Him.*

Use.—*For the faint-hearted in danger.*

The strength and protection that comes through Faith.

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be éven as the | mount | Sion : which may not be remóved, but | standeth | fast for | ever.

2 The hills stánd a- | -bout Je- | -rusalem : even so standeth the Lord round about his people * from this time | forth for | ever- | -more.

3 For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lóft | of the | righteous : lest the righteous pút their | hand | unto | wickedness.¹

¹ The oppression of the wicked will never be allowed to go so far as to lead the righteous to distrust.

Prayer for success and peace.

4 Dô | well O | Lord : unto thôse that are | good and | true of | heart.

5 As for such as turn bâck unto their | own | wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers * but péace shall | be up- | -on | Israel.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM CXXVI. *In convertendo.*

(7) The joy known at the start will be known again when the goal is reached.

Occasion.—*In the troubles and disappointments that beset the new life of the Jewish Church after the Exile, it was an encouragement to remember the wonderful excitement and bewildering joy that their fathers had felt when a way was opened for a return to their country. He Who had done so much at the beginning would not allow His work to fail.*

Application.—*Sometimes the pilgrims feel the troubles they have to meet overwhelming, but these are nothing compared with the rock of difficulty that was moved away on Easter Day. The end is sure for the patient.*

Use.—*In times of discouragement.*

The joy when the bondage was broken.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivi- | -ty of | Sion : then were we like | unto | them that | dream.

2 Then was our mouth | filled . with | laughter : ând our | tongue | with | joy.

3 Then sâid they a- | -mong the | heathen : The Lórd hath | done great | things for | them.

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for | us al- | -ready : whére- | -of | we re- | -joice.

May that joy be known again.

5 Turn our captivity | O | Lord : âs the | rivers | in the | south.¹

As the rivers in the South, dry all summer, get filled to overflowing with the spring rains, so the Psalmist hopes that their dry, depressing time may be refreshed by God.

6 They that | sow in | tears : shall | reap | in | joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping * and beareth | forth good | seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and | bring his | sheaves | with him.

PSALM CXXVII. *Nisi Dominus.*

**(8) The Church, the City and the Family alike
depend on trust in God.**

Occasion.—*At a time when a city had to be rebuilt, new homes to be formed, and only a scanty population to do the work, it was well to be reminded that God's help was as necessary for this as for the more difficult work of conquering enemies.*

Application.—*The Church reminds her members that the Power of the Resurrection was not only necessary for founding the Church but for building up her home and civic life.*

Use.—*For Services commemorating the progress of municipal or political life.*

Neither labour nor care will build up Home or City without God's blessing.

EXCEPT the Lórd | build the | house : their lábour | is but | lost that | build it.

2 Except the Lórd | keep the | city : the wáitchman | waketh | but in | vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early * and so late take rest, and éat the | bread of | carefulness : for so he giveth | his be- | -loved | sleep.¹

Children, the best of God's gifts, are entirely dependent on His Will.

4 Lo, children and the frúit | of the | womb : are an heritage and gift that | cometh | of the | Lord.

5 Like as the arrows in the hánd | of the | giant : even só | are the | young | children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his qúiver | full of | them : they shall not be ashamed when they spéak with their | enemies | in the | gate.

¹ "For so He giveth." Meaning obscure, but translation correct. Probably, "It is foolish to worry and fret for that which God gives His beloved simply on the ground of their trust." "So" refers to the spirit of trust expressed in the words "Except the Lord build," &c., or it may mean "So, even while they toil, God gives His beloved sleep."

PSALM CXXVIII. *Beati omnes.***(9) Labour has its reward if united to the fear of God.**

Occasion.—*The last Psalm laid so much stress on Trust as to appear to disparage labour, so essential to the progress of the infant state. Here the balance is restored and prosperity shown to be in proportion to work carried out in the spirit of godly fear.*

Application.—*The universally desired blessing of Peace in Family and City, in Church and State, depends on honest Labour and Godly Fear.*

Use.—*For all Societies, such as the Mothers' Union, designed to promote the well-being of Home or State.*

The Fear of God brings success to Labour ;

BLESSED are all they that | fear the | Lord : and |
walk | in his | ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labours | of thine | hands :
O well is thee, and | happy | shalt thou | be.

blessing to Home ;

3 Thy wife shall be as the | fruitful | vine : upon the |
walls | of thine | house.

4 Thy children like the | olive- | -branches : round | —
a- | -bout thy | table.

5 Lo, thus shall the | man be | blessed : that | fear- | -eth
the | Lord.

prosperity to the City.

6 The Lord from out of Sion shall | so | bless thee :
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity | all thy |
life | long.

7 Yea, that thou shalt see thy | children's | children :
and | peace up- | -on | Israel.

PSALM CXXIX. *Sæpe expugnauerunt.***(10) May the Powers that hinder Progress be destroyed.**

Occasion.—*Peace does not, however, imply the absence of trial. Enemies will still oppose. The Psalmist has in mind the bitter hostility of men like Sanballat and Tobiah, who did their utmost to prevent the restoration of Jerusalem. History, nevertheless, shows that God has never allowed such to prevail.*

Application.—*The progress of the Church, as that of the individual, must be made in the face of enemies, but the past gives no ground for fear.*

Use.—*For times of difficulty.*

The sad and yet victorious experience of the past,

MANY a time have they fought against me fróm my | youth | up : máy | Israel | now | say.

2 Yea, many a time have they vexed me fróm my | youth | up : bút they have | not pre- | -vailed . a- | -gainst me.

3 The plowers plówed up- | -on my | back : ánd | made | long | furrows.

4 Bút the | righteous | Lord : hath hewn the snáres of the un- | -godly | in | pieces.

gives hope that the enemy will be crushed.

5 Let them be confóunded and | turned | backward : as many as háve | evil | will at | Sion.

6 Let them be even as the grass grówing up- | -on the | house-tops : which withereth afóre | it be | plucked | up.

7 Whereof the mower filleth | not his | hand : neither he that bindeth | up the | sheaves his | bosom.

8 So that they who go by * say not so much as, The Lórd | prosper | you : we wish you good lúck in the | Name | of the | Lord.

PSALM CXXX. *De profundis.*

(11) May the sin that clogs our efforts be forgiven and abolished.

Occasion.—*Nehemiah, as we see from his prayer, felt that national sin was the most serious danger. So the author of this Psalm stirs up his countrymen to seek for peace of conscience as the foundation of their new life.*

Application.—*The Church's most difficult work is to awaken the national conscience and make it realize the depth of its guilt. No progress towards the ideal social life is possible without it.*

Use.—*Proper for Ash Wednesday (Evensong).*

The deep of National Sin.

OUT of the deep have I called únto | thee, O | Lord : Lórd | hear | my | voice.

2 O let thine ears con- | -sider | well : thê | voice of | my com- | -plaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mârk what is | done a- | -miss : O Lórd | who | may a- | -bide it ?

4 Fôr there is | mercy . with | thee : thêrefore | shalt | thou be | feared.

Redemption found only in God.

5 I look for the Lord ; my sôul doth | wait for | him : in his | word | is my | trust.

6 My soul fleêth | unto . the | Lord : before the morning watch, I sây, be- | -fore the | morning | watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord * for with the Lórd | there is | mercy : ând with | him is | plenteous . re- | demption.

8 And hé shall re- | -deem | Israel : frôm | all | his | sins.

PSALM CXXXI. *Domine, non est.*

(12) Humility, the Pilgrim's only possible attitude.

Occasion.—*It is when national sin is realized that the vain self-confidence which has been the ruin of nations is abandoned. Israel had been especially guilty of the sin of national vanity. It is the Psalmist's hope that seventy years of captivity may have destroyed it.*

Application.—*The Church recalling the absolute and child-like trust of the strong Son of God in His Father, strives to inspire the nation with her great Leader's spirit.*

Use.—*In times of national prosperity.*

A call to trust in God instead of vanity.

LÓRD, I am | not high- | -minded : I' have | no | proud | looks.

2 I do not exercise mysêlf in | great | matters : which | are too | high for | me.

3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low * like as a child that is weaned | from his | mother : yea, my soul is éven | as a | weaned | child.

4 O Israel, trúst | in the | Lord : from thís time | forth for | ever- | -more.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXXXII. *Memento, Domine.*

(13) The Presence of Christ the joy of Zion.

Occasion.—*Amidst the difficulties that attended the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the Divine promises that had gathered about her gave great hope. In some way the Covenanted Presence would be manifested there. A great Prince would arise Who would bring joy and prosperity to Zion.*

Application.—*The Church sings of the realization of Israel's hopes, and prays that her life, ecclesiastical and national, may correspond to the greatness of the Power of the Incarnation.*

Use.—*Proper for Christmas Day (Evensong).*

That the old longing for God's presence may be satisfied.

LÓRD, re- | -member | David : ánd | all | his |
trouble;

2 How he swáre | unto . the | Lord : and vowed a vow
únto the Al- | -mighty | God of | Jacob ;

3 I will not come within the tábernacle | of mine |
house : nór | climb up | into . my | bed ;

4 I will not suffer mine eyes to slêep, nor mine | eye-
lids . to | slumber : neither the temples of my hêad to |
take | any | rest ;

5 Until I find out a place for the têmples | of the |
Lord : an habitation fôr the | mighty | God of | Jacob.

It was manifested in Christ at Bethlehem.

6 Lo, we héard of the | same at | Ephrata¹ : ánd | found
it | in the | wood.

7 We will gó into his | taber- | -nacle : and fall lów on
our | knees be- | -fore his | footstool.

May it receive a fuller manifestation in the Church,

8 Arise, O Lórd | into . thy | resting-place : thóu and
the | ark | of thy | strength.

9 Let thy priêsts be | clothed . with | righteousness :
and lét thy | saints | sing with | joyfulness.

¹ It is possible that Ephrata was not only a name for the district of Bethlehem but for that of Kirjath-Jearim—the fields of the wood—where the Ark rested before being removed to Jerusalem. Its suitability for the Christian meaning of the Psalm needs no comment.

10 For thy sêrvant | David's | sake : turn not awáy the |
presence . of | thine A- | -nointed.

in accordance with the Promise of God ;

11 The Lord hath made a faithful óath | unto | David :
ând he | shall not | shrink | from it.

12 Of the frúit | of thy | body : shâll I | set up- | -on
thy | seat.

13 If thy children will keep my covenant * and my
têstimonies that | I shall | learn them : their children also
shall sit upôn thy | seat for | ever- | -more.

for she was chosen to be His Body,

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitâtion |
for him- | -self : hé hath | longed | for | her.

15 This shall bê my | rest for | ever : here will I dwell *
fôr I | have . a de- | -light there- | -in.

16 I will blêss her | victuals . with | increase : and will
sâtis- | -fy her | poor with | bread.

17 I will dêck her | priests with | health : and her sâints |
shall re- | -joice and | sing.

and will be therefore the Place of Power.

18 There shall I make the hórñ of | David . to | flourish :
I have ordâined a | lantern . for | mine A- | -nointed.

19 As for his enemies * I shall clóthe | them with |
shame : but upon himsêlf | shall his | crown | flourish.

PSALM CXXXIII. *Ecce, quam bonum !*

(14) **The Unity that marks the life of Zion.**

Occasion.—*Such a hope as that of the expected Messiah should unite the new Israel and Unity would not only bring joy but quickening to its life.*

Application.—*As the dews from snowy Hermon refreshed the parched up Zion, so the Church trusts that the spirit of her life above may refresh her life below.*

Use.—*For Church Unity.*

Unity not only brings joy but life and Divine Blessing.

BEHOLD, how good and jôyful a | thing it | is :
brêthren, to | dwell to- | -gether . in | unity !

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head * that ran dōwn | unto . the | beard : even unto Aaron's beard * and went dōwn to the | skirts | of his | clothing.

*Quicken-
ing
Refresh-
ing* 3 Like as the | dew of | Hermon : which fēll up- | -on the | hill of | Sion.¹

4 For there the Lórd | promised . his | blessing : and | life for | ever- | -more.

PSALM CXXXIV. *Ecce nunc.*

(15) Zion reached and the Blessing given.

Occasion.—*As the Pilgrims near the holy city they greet the Priests and Levites of the Temple with an invitation to praise God for the happy termination of their journey. The reply from Zion comes in the form of a blessing.*

Application.—*The Church as she nears her home, calls to those who now serve in the innermost sanctuary to praise God for the many blessings granted her, and hears the Benediction the saints give in reply.*

Use.—*For the Festival of the Purification (American Use).*

The Saints within the Veil called on to praise the Lord.

BEHÓLD, now | praise the | Lord : áll ye | servants | of the | Lord ;

2 Ye that by night stand in the hóuse | of the | Lord : even in the cóurts of the | house of | our | God.

3 Lift up your hánds | in the | sanctuary : and | praise | — the | Lord.

They reply by invoking God's blessing.

4 The Lórd that made | heaven . and | earth : gíve thee | blessing | out of | Sion.

PSALM CXXXV. *Laudate Nomen.*

The Beauty of God's Name as expressed in Nature and History.

Occasion.—*Post-exilic. The Psalmist stimulates the Levites and Choirs of the new Temple to praise by recounting the Acts of Divine Providence and Wisdom and contrasting them with the deathlike silence of heathen idols.*

¹ Zion was very dry ; Hermon had abundant dews. The effect of unity on the Church is like that of Hermon's dews on Mount Zion, quickening, refreshing, rejuvenating.

Application.—*The Church calls upon her Choirs to praise and worship the living God for all His works in Nature and Providence. Her whole history from the Resurrection onwards is a revelation of Divine Power and Wisdom.*

Use.—*For the Festival of the Epiphany (American Use).*

Praise God for the beauty of His character and His love of the Church,

O PRAISE the Lord * laud ye the Náme | of the | Lord :
praise it, O' ye | servants | of the | Lord ;

2 Ye that stand in the hóuse | of the | Lord : in the
côurts of the | house of | our | God.

3 O praise the Lórd, for the | Lord is | gracious : O sing
praises únto his | Name for | it is | lovely.

4 For why ? the Lord hath chosen Jácob | unto . him- |
self : and I'srael | for his | own pos- | -session.

for His Power in Nature,

5 For I knów that the | Lord is | great : and that our
Lórd | is a- | -bove all | gods.

6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased * that did he in héaven |
and in | earth : and in the séa | and in | all deep | places.

7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the énds | of the |
world : and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain * bringing
the | winds | out of . his | treasures.

and His Wisdom in History.

8 He smóte the | first-born . of | Egypt : bóth of | man |
and | beast.

9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of
thee, O' thou | land of | Egypt : upón | Pharaoh . and |
all his | servants.

10 He smóte | divers | nations : ánd | slew | mighty |
kings ;

11 Sehon king of the Amorites * and Óg the | king of |
Basan : ánd | all the | kingdoms . of | Canaan.

12 And gave their lánd to | be an | heritage : even an
heritage únto | Isra- | -el his | people.

His Name, unlike that of the heathen gods, remains for ever.

13 Thy Name, O Lórd, en- | -dureth for | ever : so doth
thy memorial, O Lord * from óne gener- | -ation |
to an- | -other.

14 For the Lórd will a- | -venge his | people : ánd be | gracious | unto . his | servants.

15 As for the images of the heathen * thêy are but | silver . and | gold : thê | work of | men's | hands.

16 Thêy have | mouths and | speak not : éyes | have they | but they | see not.

17 They have éars, and | yet they | hear not : neither is there ány | breath | in their | mouths.

18 They that make them are líke | unto | them : and so are all thêy that | put their | trust in | them.

Praise the Lord.

19 Praise the Lórd, ye | house of | Israel : práise the | Lord ye | house of | Aaron.

20 Praise the Lórd, ye | house of | Levi : ye that féar the | Lord | praise the | Lord.

21 Praised be the Lórd | out of | Sion : whó | dwelleth | at Je- | -rusalem.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM CXXXVI. *Confitemini.*

The Goodness of God as displayed in Nature and History.

Occasion.—*Probably written for the laying of the foundation stone of the new Temple when the Priests and Levites “answered one another in praising and giving thanks to Jehovah, saying, For He is good, for His loving-kindness endureth for ever towards Israel” (Ezra iii. 11).*

Application.—*The redeemed Church of God has a more illustrious history than that of Israel, and uses this Liturgical Psalm as an act of Praise and Thanksgiving for the wonderful providences that have marked her history.*

Use.—*For Choir Festivals, and Occasions of Thanksgivings.*

Gratitude for God's Love,

O GIVE thanks unto the Lórd, for | he is | gracious : ánd his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

2 O give thanks unto the Gód of | all | gods : fôr his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

3 O thank the Lórd of | all | lords : fôr his | mercy .
en- | -dureth . for | ever.

seen in the wisdom of His creative power,

4 Who ónly | doeth . great | wonders : fôr his | mercy .
en- | -dureth . for | ever.

5 Who by his excellent wisdom | made the | heavens :
fôr his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

6 Who laid out the éarth a- | -bove the | waters : fôr
his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

7 Who hath máde | great | lights : fôr his | mercy .
en- | -dureth . for | ever.

8 The sún to | rule the | day : fôr his | mercy . en- |
dureth . for | ever.

9 The moon and the stárs to | govern . the | night : fôr
his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

in His mighty acts in History,

10 Who smote E'gypt | with their | first-born : fôr his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

11 And brought out I'srael | from a- | -mong them : fôr
his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

12 With a mighty hánd, and | stretched-out | arm : fôr
his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

13 Who divided the Red Séa in | two | parts : fôr his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

in the Resurrection and Victory over Death,

14 And made Israel to gó through the | midst of | it :
fôr his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

15 But as for Pharaoh and his host * he overthrêw them
in the | Red | Sea : fôr his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

in the guidance and protection of the Church,

16 Who led his pêlepe | through the | wilderness : fôr
his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

17 Who smôte | great | kings : fôr his | mercy . en- |
dureth . for | ever.

18 Yea, and slêw | mighty | kings : fôr his | mercy .
en- | -dureth . for | ever ;

in the subjection of her enemies,

19 Sehon kîng | of the | Amorites : fôr his | mercy .
en- | -dureth . for | ever ;

20 And O'g the | king of | Basan : fôr his | mercy .
en- | -dureth . for | ever ;

21 And gave away their lând | for an | heritage : fôr his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

22 Even for an heritage unto I'sra- | -el his | servant :
fôr his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

and in the merciful Provision made for her weakness.

23 Who remembered us whên we | were in | trouble :
fôr his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

24 And hath delivered us | from our | enemies : fôr his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

25 Who giveth fôod to | all | flesh : fôr his | mercy .
en- | -dureth . for | ever.

26 O give thâns unto the | God of | heaven : fôr his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

27 O give thâns unto the | Lord of | lords : fôr his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

PSALM CXXXVII. *Super flumina.*

Loyalty to the Church of God.

Occasion.—*Written at the close of the Exile, or soon after, to commemorate the undying love and affection of those who refused to sacrifice their religious patriotism to worldly considerations, and to identify themselves with the interests of hated Babylon.*

Application.—*The Christian's zeal for the Church and her Ideals.*

Use.—*For those compelled to live in worldly surroundings apart from the ministrations of the Church*

The cry of spiritual exiles living in the world.

BY the waters of Babylon we sât | down and | wept :
whên we re- | -membered | thee O | Sion.

2 As for our hârps, we | hanged . them | up : upôn the |
trees that | are there- | -in.

3 For they that led us away captive * required of us then a song and melody | in our | heaviness : Sing us | one . of the | songs of | Sion.

Their loyalty to their Heavenly Home.

4 How shall we sing the | Lord's | song : in | — a | strange | land ?

5 If I forget thee | O Je- | -rusalem : let my right | hand for- | -get her | cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee * let my tongue cleave to the roof | of my | mouth : yea, if I prefer not Je- | -rusalem | in my | mirth.

Their hatred of their spiritual foes : secularism and worldliness.

7 Remember the children of Edom, O Lord * in the day | of Je- | -rusalem : how they said, Down with it, down with it | even | to the | ground.

8 O daughter of Bâbylon | wasted . with | misery : yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as | thou hast | served | us.

9 Blessed shall he be that | taketh . thy | children : and throweth | them a- | -gainst the | stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII. *Confitebor tibi.*

The Gratitude and Confidence of a Missionary Church.

Occasion.—*An exile, who feels from his own experience of God's dealings the certainty of a great conversion of the heathen in time to come, is moved to thanks and praise.*

Application.—*Here we are called on to share the feelings of some humble Missionary Church, struggling with heathenism and yet inspired by hope, through some recent success of the Gospel.*

Use.—*For the Festival of the Annunciation (American Use).*

Gratitude to God in a heathen land.

I WILL give thanks unto thee O Lord, with my | whole | heart : even before the gods will I sing | praise | unto | thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name * because of thy loving- | -kindness . and | truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy | Word a- | -bove | all things.

3 When I called upon thêe, thou | heardest | me : and
enduedst my | soul with | much | strength.

Confidence that the Church's witness will be successful,

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise | thee O | Lord :
for they have heard the | words | of thy | mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways | of the | Lord : that
great is the | glory | of the | Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high * yet hath he respect |
unto . the | lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth | them
a- | -far | off.

and that in spite of her lowly and distressed condition she will prosper.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble * yet shalt |
thou re- | -fresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand
upon the furiousness of mine enemies * and thy | right |
hand shall | save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness |
toward | me : yea, thy mercy O Lord endureth for ever *
despise not then the works | of thine | own | hands.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXXXIX. *Domine, probasti.*

The Divine Omniscience and Omnipresence.

Occasion.—A post-exilic Psalm, "to be viewed (as its place in the Psalter suggests) at least mainly as referring to Israel's history."

Application.—Tempting though it is to apply it to the experience of the individual, it is better to follow the note above, and take it as referring mainly to the spiritual Israel's history. "It may be, as profound Christian thinkers have held, that the highest and ultimate subject of verses 13-17 is not generation but regeneration, not the natural but the Mystical Body."

Use.—For the Church in spiritual difficulty.

Christ, the Head, knows all the secret history of His Body.

O LORD, thou hast searched me | out and | known me :
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising *
thou understandest my | thoughts | long be- | -fore.

2 Thou art about my path, and a- | -bout my | bed :
and | spiest . out | all my | ways.

3 For lo/there is not a wórd | in my | tongue : but thou,
O Lórd | knowest it | alto- | -gether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind | and be- | -fore :
ánd | laid thine | hand up- | -on me.

5 Such knowledge is too wónderful and | excellent | for
me : I cánnót at- | -tain | unto | it.

His Divine Presence with her always.

6 Whither shall I gó then | from thy | Spirit : or whither
shall I | go then | from thy | presence ?

7 If I climb up into héaven | thou art | there : if I go
down to héll | thou art | there | also.

8 If I take the wings | of the | morning : and remain
in the úttermóst | parts | of the | sea ;

9 Even there álso shall | thy hand | lead me : ánd | thy
right | hand shall | hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the dárkness shall | cover |
me : thén shall my | night be | turned . to | day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee * but the
night is as cléar | as the | day : the darkness and light to |
thee are | both a- | -like.

Her mysterious creation and growth through the Incarnation.

12 Fór my | reins are | thine : thou hast cóvered me | in
my | mother's | womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee * for I am fearfully and
wónder- | -fully | made : marvellous are thy works * and
thát my | soul | knoweth . right | well.

14 My bónes are not | hid from | thee : though I be made
secretly * and fáshioned be- | -neath | in the | earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my súbstance, yet | being . im- |
perfect : and in thy bóok were | all my | members | written ;

16 Which dáy by | day were | fashioned : when as yét |
there was | none of | them.

17 How dear are thy counsels únto | me O | God : O how
gréat | is the | sum of | them !

18 If I tell them * they are more in númber | than the |
sand : when I wake úp | I am | present . with | thee.

Her consequent Love for her Lord,

19 Wilt thou not slây the | wicked . O | God : depart
from mê, ye | blood- | -thirsty | men.

20 For they speak unrighteous- | -ly a- | -gainst thee :
and thine ênemies | take thy | Name in | vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O Lórd, that | hate | thee : and
am not I grieved with thóse that | rise | up a- | -gainst thee?

22 Yea, I hâte | them right | sore : êven as | though
they | were mine | enemies.

and her desire to be holy as He is holy.

23 Try me O God, and seek the gróund | of my | heart :
próve me | and ex- | -amine . my | thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any wáy of | wickedness | in me :
and léad me in the | way | ever- | -lasting.

PSALM CXL. *Eripe me, Domine.*

Against Social Disorders.

Occasion.—*Possibly post-exilic. Written by one of the new settlers who felt keenly and bitterly the unscrupulous opposition raised by the Samaritans and those who sympathised with them.*

Application.—*The building of the spiritual Zion implies work in education and social reform. But neither can be carried forward without jealousy and opposition from those who would fain establish a purely secular control.*

Use.—*As an Intercession for the Church battling with social difficulties.*

The Church's prayer against social disorders.

DELIVER me O Lórd, from the | evil | man : and
presêrve me | from the | wicked | man.

2 Who imagine mîschief | in their | hearts : and stir up
strife | all the | day | long.

3 They have sharpened their tóngues | like a | serpent :
ádder's | poison . is | under . their | lips.

4 Keep me O Lord, from the hânds of | the un- | -godly :
preserve me from the wicked men * who are púrposed to |
over- | -throw my | goings.

5 The proud have laid a snare for me * and spread
a nêt a- | -broad with | cords : yêa, and set | traps |
in my | way.

Her confidence in God.

6 I said unto the Lord, Thôu | art my | God : hear the
vôice | of my | prayers O | Lord.

7 O Lord God, thou strêngth | of my | health : thou
hast covered my hêad | in the | day of | batt'le.

her appeal for judgement,

8 Let not the ungodly hâve his de- | -sire O | Lord :
let not his mischievous imagination prôssper | lest they | be
too | proud.

9 Let the mischief of their own lips fall upôn the | head
of | them : thât | compass | me a- | -bout.

10 Let hot burning côals | fall up- | -on them : let them
be cast into the fire, and into the pit * that they nêver |
rise | up a- | -gain.

11 A man full of words shall not prôssper up- | -on the |
earth : evil shall hûnt the wicked | person . to | over- |
throw him.

and assurance of ultimate triumph.

12 Sure I am that the Lórd will a- | -venge the | poor :
and maintâin the | cause | of the | helpless.

13 The righteous also shall give thâinks | unto . thy |
Name : and the júst shall con- | -tinue | in thy | sight.

PSALM CXLI. *Domine, clamavi.*

The Cry of the Church tempted by Worldliness.

Occasion.—*Prophets had hoped that the new work of building up the nation after the Exile would have found a united Israel to attempt it, but worldliness and covetousness made serious divisions and led to grave fears.*

Application.—*The Church, tempted by worldliness, divided by strife, and watched by powerful enemies, prays that her life may be characterised by sober self-restraint, humility, and courage against evil.*

Use.—*For Church Unity.*

The Church prays for self-restraint and discipline,

LORD, I call upon thee * hâste thee | unto | me : and
consider my vôice when I | cry | unto | thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight | as the |
incense : and let the lifting up of my hânds | be an |
evening | sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lórd, be- | -fore my | mouth : and
kêep the | door | of my | lips.

4 O let not mine heart be inclined to âny | evil | thing :
let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men
that work wickedness * lest I éat of such | things as |
please | them.

5 Let the righteous râther | smite me | friendly : ând | —
re- | -prove | me.

6 But let not their precious bálms | break my | head :
yea, I will prâý | yet a- | -gainst their | wickedness.¹

and for the healing of her divisions.

7 Let their judges be overthrôwn in | stony | places :
that they may hêar my | words for | they are | sweet.

8 Our bones lie scâttered be- | -fore the | pit : like as
when one breaketh and hêweth | wood up- | -on the | earth.

9 But mine eyes look unto thêe, O | Lord | God : in thee
is my trúst, O | cast not | out my | soul.

10 Keep me from the snare that thêy have | laid for |
me : and from the trâps | of the | wicked | doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their ôwn | nets to- | -gether :
ând let | me | ever . es- | -cape them.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM CXLII. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

The cry of a desolate and enfeebled Church.

Occasion.—*The Inscription refers this prayer to David when he was in the cave. Whether his or not it springs out of similar circumstances of trouble—the cry of a poor prisoner who feels God to be his only Friend.*

Application.—*In some places owing to a variety of causes the Church is solitary, weak, and fettered by the chain of sin. But few attend her services—even the righteous keep aloof from her and her position seems desperate. Prayer is the only hope.*

Use.—*For a Church or individual in bondage.*

¹ The Psalmist here expresses his preference for the companionship of the righteous, even though he be reproved by them. He trusts, however, that their "precious balms," i.e., their gentle reproaches, may not utterly confound him. He will still set his face against the wickedness of the ungodly.

The trouble shown to God,

I CRIED unto the Lórd | with my | voice : yea, even
unto the Lórd did I | make my | suppli- | -cation.

2 I poured out mý com- | -plaints be- | -fore him : ánd |
shewed . him | of my | trouble.

although He knows it and the loneliness that marks it.

3 When my spirit was in héaviness thou | knewest .
my | path : in the way wherein I walked have they prívily |
laid a | snare for | me.

4 I looked also upón my | right | hand : and sáw there
was | no man | that would | know me.

5 I had no pláce to | flee | unto : and nô man | cared |
for my | soul.

The prayer for deliverance.

6 I cried unto thée, O | Lord and | said : Thou art my
hope * and my portion in the | land | of the | living.

7 Consider | my com- | -plaint : for I' am | brought |
very | low.

8 O deliver me | from my | persecutors : fór they | are
too | strong for | me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison * that I may give thánks |
unto . thy | Name : which thing if thou wilt grant me * then
shall the ríghteous re- | -sort | unto . my | company.

PSALM CXLIII. *Domine, exaudi*

The Church in Penitence.

Occasion.—Possibly the voice of Israel languishing in the prison of exile or nearly crushed out of existence by relentless enemies in one of the gloomy periods of its history after the Exile.

Application.—The Church uses this as expressing her sense of national or social sin which not only depresses her life but prevents the exercise of influence. Her only hope is in God.

Use.—For Ash Wednesday (Evensong).

The Church, sinful and troubled, craves for mercy.

HEAR my prayer O Lord * and consider | my de- |
sire : hearken unto mé for thy | truth and |
righteousness' | sake.

2 And enter not into judgement | with thy | servant :
for in thy sight shall | no man | living . be | justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul * he hath
smitten my life | down . to the | ground : he hath laid me
in the darkness, * as the men that | have been | long |
dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit | vexed . with- | -in me : and
my | heart with- | -in me . is | desolate.

Contemplation of God's Power leads her to ask for teaching and life.

5 Yet do I remember the time past * I muse upon |
all thy | works : yea, I exercise myself in the | works | of
thy | hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands | unto | thee : my soul
gaspeth unto thee | as a | thirsty | land.

7 Hear me O Lord, and that soon * for my spirit |
waxeth | faint : hide not thy face from me * lest I be like
unto them that go | down | into . the | pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the
morning * for in thee | is my | trust : shew thou me the
way that I should walk in * for I lift up my | soul |
unto | thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord | from mine | enemies : for I
flee | unto | thee to | hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee * for
thou | art my | God : let thy loving Spirit lead me forth |
into . the | land of | righteousness.

11 Quicken me O Lord, for thy | Name's | sake : and
for thy righteousness' sake bring my | soul | out of |
trouble.

12 And of thy goodness | slay mine | enemies : and
destroy all them that vex my soul, for | I am | thy |
servant.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXLIV. *Benedictus Dominus.*

Faith, the Rock of National Prosperity.

Occasion.—*Unknown. The Psalm is a compilation of passages from other Psalms "apparently selected for the warlike spirit which is common to them all." It is a prayer for God's interposition and help, that through it the Nation may be strengthened.*

Application.—*The Church, fearing that worldliness is eating away the life of the nation, prays for some Divine manifestation which may deliver her children from it.*

Use.—*For National Thanksgivings.*

God and not man the foundation of a nation's hope.

BLESSED be the | Lord my | strength : who teacheth
my hands to wâr | and my | fingers . to | fight ;

2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer *
my défender in | whom I | trust : who subdueth my péople |
that is | under | me.

3 Lord, what is man * that thou hast such respéct |
unto | him : or the son of man * thát thou | so re- |
gardest | him ?

4 Man is like a | thing of | nought : his time pásseth
a- | -way | like a | shadow.

Prayer that He may save the Church from the influence of the wicked.

5 Bow thy heavens O Lórd, and | come | down : tóuch
the | mountains . and | they shall | smoke.

6 Cast fóρθ thy | lightning . and | tear them : shoot óut
thine | arrows | and con- | -sume them.

7 Send down thine hánd | from a- | -bove : deliver me,
and take me out of the great waters * fróm the | hand of |
strange | children ;

8 Whose móuth | talketh . of | vanity : and their right
hánd is a | right | hand of | wickedness.

The Resurrection inspires confidence that He will,

9 I will sing a new sोंg unto | thee O | God : and sing
praises unto thée upon a | ten- | -stringed | lute.

10 Thou hast given victory | unto | kings : and hast delivered David thy servant fróm the | peril | of the | sword.

11 Save me, and deliver me from the hánd of | strange | children : whose mouth talketh of vanity * and their right hánd is a | right | hand . of in- | -iquity.

and that the nation will grow strong and prosperous.

12 That our sons may grow úp as the | young | plants : and that our daughters may be as the pólished | corners | of the | temple.

13 That our garners may be full and plenteous with áll | manner . of | store : that our sheep may bring forth thousands * and tén | thousands | in our | streets.

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour * that thére be | no de- | -cay : no leading into captivity * and nó com- | -plaining | in our | streets.

15 Happy are the people that áre in | such a | case : yea, blessed are the people who háve the | Lord | for their | God.

PSALM CXLV. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

The Ministry of the Holy Ghost.

Occasion.—*Probably written in the time of Nehemiah by an exile, who, whilst he rejoices in Israel's restoration, has learned in a foreign land that God is loving to every man and fills all things living with plenteousness.*

Application.—*It was at Pentecost that the Church first learned something of the universality of God's gift. Those under the power of the Holy Ghost spoke in other tongues the wonderful works of God. This Psalm, then, fittingly expresses the Ministry of One Who proceeds from God to bring all things to God.*

Use.—*Proper for Whit Sunday (Evensong).*

The Power and Glory of the Holy Ghost.

I WILL magnify thée O | God my | King : and I will práise thy | Name for | ever . and | ever.

2 Every day will I give thánks | unto | thee : and práise thy | Name for | ever . and | ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous * wórthy | to be | praised : there is no | end | of his | greatness.

4 One generation shall praise thy wórks | unto . an- | other : ánd de- | -clare | thy | power.

5 As for me, I will be tálking | of thy | worship : thy glóry, thy | praise and | wondrous | works ;

6 So that men shall speak of the míght of thy | marvellous | acts : and I will álso | tell | of thy | greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kíndness | shall be | shewed : and mén shall | sing | of thy | righteousness.

Through His Ministry the love of God is manifested.

8 The Lórd is | gracious . and | merciful : long-súffering | and of | great | goodness.

9 The Lord is loving únto | every | man : and his mércy is | over | all his | works.

10 All thy works práise | thee O | Lord : and thy sáints give | thanks | unto | thee.

11 They shew the glóry | of thy | kingdom : ánd | talk | of thy | power ;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and míghtiness | of thy | kingdom : míght be | known | unto | men.

13 Thy kingdom is an éver- | -lasting | kingdom : and thy domínion en- | -dureth . through- | -out all | ages.

Through His Providence all are quickened.

14 The Lord uphóldeth all | such as | fall : and lifteth úp all | those | that are | down.

15 The eyes of all wáit upon | thee O | Lord : and thou gívest them their | meat in | due | season.

16 Thou ópenest | thine | hand : and fillest | all things | living . with | plenteousness.

17 The Lord is ríghteous in | all his | ways : ánd | holy . in | all his | works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all thém that | call up- | -on him : yea áll such as | call up- | -on him | faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desíre of | them that | fear him : he also will héar their | cry | and will | help them.

20 The Lord presérveth all | them that | love him : but scáttreth a- | -broad | all . the un- | -godly.

21 My mouth shall speak the práise | of the | Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his hólý | Name for | ever . and | ever.

THE HALLELUJAH PSALMS.

PSALM CXLVI. *Lauda, anima mea.*

The Praise of God as the one true Helper.

Occasion.—*Probably a Psalm of the Restoration. Much had been done by the goodwill of Princes, and there was a natural tendency to rely on them rather than on God to Whom alone praise is due. The author here urges to praise as an expression of simple trust in God.*

Application.—*At times the Church assisted by powerful statesmen is tempted to look to them for that help and guidance which God alone can give. Here man's inherent inability apart from God, and God's all-sufficiency apart from man, are alike insisted upon.*

Use.—*Where a Parish, Diocese, or Nation is tempted to worship the powers of the world.*

God the only One really able to help.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul * while I live will I |
praise the | Lord : yea, as long as I have any being *
I will sing | praises | unto . my | God.

2 O put not your trust in princes * nor in any | child
of | man : for there is | no | help in | them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth * he shall turn
again | to his | earth : and then | all his | thoughts | perish.

Happy, then, those who trust in Him.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob | for his |
help : and whose hope is | in the | Lord his | God ;

5 Who made heaven and earth * the sea, and all that |
therein | is : who | keepeth . his | promise . for | ever ;

6 Who helpeth them to right that | suffer | wrong : who |
feed- | -eth the | hungry.

His constant and varied acts of mercy.

7 The Lord looseth men | out of | prison : the Lord
giveth | sight | to the | blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them | that are | fallen : the Lord |
careth | for the | righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers * he defendeth the
father- | -less and | widow : as for the way of the ungodly,
he | turneth . it | upside | down.

10 The Lord thy God O Sion, shall be King for | ever- |
more : and throughout | all | gener- | -ations.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXLVII. *Laudate Dominum.***The Restoration of the Church, a subject for Praise.****Occasion.**—Possibly written for the dedication of the walls of Jerusalem in the time of Nehemiah.**Application.**—Naturally appropriate when the restoration of the spiritual or material fabric of the Church is in the mind of the worshipper.**Use.**—For the restoration of a Church or the spiritual quickening of a parish by a Mission.

Praise the Lord for the revival of work fallen into decay.

O PRAISE the Lord * for it is a good thing to sing
 praises | unto . our | God : yea, a joyful and pleasant
 thing it | is to | be | thankful.

2 The Lord doth build | up Je- | -rusalem : and gather
 together the | out- | -casts of | Israel.

3 He healeth those that are | broken . in | heart : and
 giveth | medicine . to | heal their | sickness.

4 He telleth the number | of the | stars : and calleth
 them | all | by their | names.

5 Great is our Lord * and great | is his | power : yea,
 and his | wisdom | is | infinite.

6 The Lord setteth | up the | meek : and bringeth the
 ungodly | down | to the | ground.

The promise of which was shown by His restorative power in Nature,

7 O sing unto the Lord with | thanks- | -giving : sing
 praises upon the | harp | unto . our | God.

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds * and prepareth
 rain | for the | earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon
 the mountains * and herb | for the | use of | men.

9 Who giveth fodder | unto . the | cattle : and feedeth
 the young | ravens . that | call up- | -on him.

10 He hath no pleasure in the strength | of an | horse :
 neither delighteth | he in | any . man's | legs.

11 But the Lord's delight is in | them that | fear him :
 and put their | trust | in his | mercy.

12 Praise the Lord | O Je- | -rusalem : praise thy | God |
 O | Sion.

by the submission of all things to the power of His Word,

13 For he hath made fast the bárs | of thy | gates : ánd
hath | blessed . thy | children . with- | -in thee.

14 He maketh péace | in thy | borders : and filleth thee |
with the | flour of | wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commándment up- | -on | earth :
and his wórd | runneth | very | swiftly.

16 He giveth | snow like | wool : and scáttreth the |
hoar- | -frost like | ashes.

17 He casteth fórth his | ice like | morsels : who is áble |
to a- | -bide his | frost ?

18 He sendeth out his wórd, and | melteth | them : he
bloweth with his wind | and the | waters | flow.

and by His past dealings with Israel.

19 He sheweth his wórd | unto | Jacob : his statutes and
órdinances | unto | Isra- | -el.

20 He hath not dealt sô with | any | nation : neither
have the héathen | knowledge | of his | laws.

PSALM CXLVIII. *Laudate Dominum.*

**The whole Creation rejoiceth in the manifestation of
His Kingdom.**

Occasion.—*Israel believed that the restoration of its national existence affected not only the welfare of nations but even the physical universe, the powers of which are here called upon to rejoice in the freedom they will gain through her.*

Application.—*It is St. Paul who explains, in Rom. viii. 19, how Israel's hopes will be fulfilled in the progress of Christ's Kingdom. Already some physical forces are being released and made use of by the redeemed in ways unthought of.*

Use.—*For Thanksgiving Meetings.*

Appeal to the angels and powers in Heaven,

O PRA'ISE the | Lord of | heaven : práise | — him | in
the | height.

2 Praise him, áll ye | angels . of | his : práise | — him |
all his | host.

3 Práise him | sun and | moon : práise him | all ye |
stars and | light.

4 Praise him | all ye | heavens : and ye waters that | are a- | -bove the | heavens.

5 Let them praise the Náme | of the | Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made * he commanded | and they | were cre- | -ated.

6 He hath made them fâst for | ever . and | ever : he hath given them a lâw | which shall | not be | broken.

to the powers and creatures of earth,

7 Praise the Lórd up- | -on | earth : yé | dragons . and | all | deeps ;

8 Fire and háil | snow and | vapours : wínd and | storm ful- | -filling . his | word ;

9 Móuntains and | all | hills : frúitful | trees and | all | cedars ;

10 Béasts and | all | cattle : wórms | — and | feathered | fowls ;

11 Kings of the éarth and | all | people : princes and áll | judges | of the | world ;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children * praise the Náme | of the | Lord : for his Name only is excellent * and his praise a- | -bove | heaven and | earth.

to praise God for the love He bears His Church.

13 He shall exalt the horn of his people * áll his | saints shall | praise him : even the children of Israel * éven the | people . that | serveth | him.

PSALM CXLIX. *Cantate Domino.*

Blessings to the Church to be followed by Missionary Zeal.

Occasion.—*This Psalm fitly follows the last, for here Israel is invited to do what she called on Nature to do, namely, to thank God for her restoration which she feels must mean the submission of the heathen world to her God.*

Application.—*The Church rejoicing over some fresh manifestation of God's pleasure not only urges her sons to praise, but through its power and that of the Scriptures to bring the heathen world to the feet of her Lord.*

Use.—*For Foreign Missions.*

Praise to God for His love to the Church.

O SING unto the Lórd a | new | song : let the cóngre- | gation . of | saints | praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in | him that | made him : and let the children of Sion be | joyful | in their | King.

3 Let them praise his Náme | in the | dance : let them sing praises únto | him with | tabret . and | harp.

4 For the Lord hath pléasure | in his | people : ánd | helpeth . the | meek- | -hearted.

Fresh honour to be won by the spread of the Gospel.

5 Let the sáints be | joyful . with | glory : lét them re- | joice | in their | beds.

6 Let the praises of Gód be | in their | mouth : and a twó-edged | sword | in their | hands ;

7 To be avénged | of the | heathen : ánd | to re- | -buke the | people ;

8 To bñd their | kings in | chains : ánd their | nobles . with | links of | iron.

9 That they may be avenged of thém | as it . is | written : Súch | honour . have | all his | saints.

PSALM CL. *Laudate Dominum.*

The last Hallelujah.

Occasion.—Possibly written as a closing doxology to the whole Psalter. As it begins with saintliness so it ends with praise, thus being "a prophecy of the last result of the devout life." The saint's life sets in the glory of a Universal Hallelujah.

Application.—When the end comes then the Church hears as it were the voice of a great multitude and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of many thunderings, saying, "Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." So at the end of each month, as at the end of each year, this glorious triumph is anticipated and we think of that glad day when "every thing that hath breath will praise the Lord."

Use.—Commonly and naturally used at the end of every Eucharist. Trinity Sunday (American Use).

The Holiness and Power of God demand Universal Praise.

O PRAISE Gód | in his | holiness : práise him in the | firmament | of his | power.

2 Práise him in his | noble | acts : praise him accórding | to his | excellent | greatness.

3 Praise him in the sôund | of the | trumpet : prâise him up- | -on the | lute and | harp.

4 Prâise him in the | cymbals . and | dances : prâise him up- | -on the | strings and | pipe.

5 Praise him upon the wêll- | -tuned | cymbals : prâise him up- | -on the | loud | cymbals.

6 Let évery thing | that hath | breath : prâise | — — | — the | Lord.

THE LITANY.

Origin.—*Composed by Cranmer in 1544, he being moved thereto by the King and "the miserable state of Christendom."*

Use.—*To be sung or said after Morning Prayer upon Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and at other times when it shall be commanded by the Ordinary.*

I. The Invocations.

An Appeal for Pity to the Infinite Compassion of the Blessed Trinity.

O GOD the Father of heaven : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Father of heaven : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

II. The Deprecations.

Prayers to Christ for deliverance from—(a) Hereditary, Spiritual,
and Moral Evils.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

(b) From Physical, Political, and Ecclesiastical Evils, and from Sin
against the Holy Ghost.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

III. The Obsecrations.

The Power of Christ's Redeeming Acts pleaded in four extreme dangers.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

IV. The Intercessions.

(1) For the whole Church, Eastern and Western.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(2) For the State, the Sovereign, the Royal Family, the Bishops and Clergy, the Ministry, Nobility, Magistrates, and the whole people of this Realm.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy Servant *EDWARD*, our most gracious King and Governor;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, fear, and love, and that he may evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to be his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all his enemies;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve our gracious Queen *Alexandra*, *George* Prince of *Wales*, the Princess of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops
(*espec.* *), Priests,
(*espec.* *), and Deacons
(*espec.* *), with true knowledge
and understanding of thy Word, and that both by their
preaching and living they may set it forth, and shew it
accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the
Council (*espec.*), and all
the Nobility (*espec.*),
with grace, wisdom, and understanding;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep the Magistrates
(*espec. those of our city, town, or neighbourhood*), giving them
grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(3) For the Peace of the World.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity,
peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(4) For the Faithful—the erring, the weak, and the afflicted or distressed
in mind, body or estate.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and
dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase
of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with
pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

* Space is left for the insertion of the initials of those we desire to remember.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived (*espec.*);

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand (*espec.*); and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall (*espec. those in our Homes and Penitentiaries*); and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity (*espec. those deprived of employment by sickness or other cause*), and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water (*espec.*), all women labouring of child, all sick persons (*espec.*), and young children (*espec. those in our Day and Sunday Schools*); and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives (*espec. those under sentence of death*);

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children (*espec. those in the Waifs and Strays Homes*), and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed (*espec.*);

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(5) For all Mankind: especially the heathen and our enemies.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(6) For the Earth, that it may bring forth abundantly.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(7) For ourselves : Repentance, Forgiveness, and Amendment.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

V. The Supplications.

Appeals for Mercy to Him Who by His Mighty Intercession is purifying the world.

Son of God : we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God : we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world ;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

VI. The Prayers.

With Christ we take all our wants to the Father, praying Him to stay the malice of the Devil, and to repeat the great victories of the past.

¶ *Then shall the Priest, and the people with him, say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

Answer. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

VII. The Final Appeal.

(a) To Christ for mercy and forgiveness.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Priest. O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us;

Answer. As we do put our trust in thee.

(b) To the Father for trust and confidence.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

PROPER PSALMS.

ON CERTAIN DAYS.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XIX. *Cœli enarrant.*

The Crowning Revelation of God.

Subject.—*The Revelation of God in Nature and the Moral Law.*

Application.—*The perfect revelation in the Incarnate Christ*
(*Rom. x. 18*).

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Christmas Day.*

The Divine Revelation in Nature is perfected in the Word made Flesh, Who
tabernacles amongst us and quickens all by His Divine Love.

THE heavens declâre the | glory . of | God : and the
firmament | sheweth . his | handy- | -work.

2 One dâÿ | telleth . an- | -other : and one night |
certi- | -fieth . an- | -other.

3 There is neiðer | speech nor | language : bût their |
voices . are | heard a- | -mong them.

4 Their sound is gone out into | all | lands : and their
wôrds into the | ends | of the | world.

5 In them hath he set a tâbernacle | for the | sun :
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber *
and rejoiceth as a | giant . to | run his | course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven *
and runneth about unto the end of | it a- | -gain : and there
is nothing hîd | from the | heat there- | -of.

The Divine Revelation in the Law summed up in Christ's Teaching,

7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled lãw, con- |
verting . the | soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure *
and giveth | wisdom | unto . the | simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and re- | -joice
the | heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure * and
giveth | light | unto . the | eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is cléan and en- | -dureth . for |
ever : the judgements of the Lord are trûe, and | righteous |
alto- | -gether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold * yéa than |
much fine | gold : sweeter álso than | honey | and the |
honeycomb.

which awakens in the Church a longing for cleansing of heart and lips.

11 Moreover, by thém is thy | servant | taught : and in
kéeping of them | there is | great re- | -ward.

12 Who can téll how | oft . he of- | -fendeth : O cleanse
thou mé | from my | secret | faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins *
lest they get the dominion | over | me : so shall I be
undefiled, and innocent | from the | great of- | -fence.

14 Let the words of my mouth * and the meditátion |
of my | heart : be álway ac- | -ceptable | in thy |
sight,

15 Ó | — | Lord : mý | strength and | my re- | -deemer.

PSALM XLV. *Eructavit cor meum.*

A Great Mystery concerning Christ and the Church.

Occasion.—*A poem to celebrate the marriage of Solomon with the daughter of the King of Egypt, a matter of great political importance to Israel.*

Application.—*The mystical Marriage of Christ with His Church through the Incarnation. Though effected by the Word taking Flesh, it is regarded here, as in the New Testament, as prospective.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Christmas Day.*

Greatness of the Subject.

MY heart is inditing of a | good | matter : I speak of
the things which I' have | made | unto . the | King.

2 My tóngue | is the | pen : óf | — a | ready | writer.

The Moral Beauty and Victorious Might of the Son of Man.

3 Thou art fairer than the | children . of | men : full of grace are thy lips * because Góð hath | blessed | thee for | ever.

4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh O | thou most | Mighty : according to thy | worship | and re- | -nown.

5 Good luck have thou | with thine | honour : ride on, because of the word of truth * of meekness and righteousness * and thy right hand shall | teach thee | terrible | things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp * and the people shall be subdued | unto | thee : even in the midst a- | -mong the | King's | enemies.

His Divinity and the Sovereignty that was won through death.

7 Thy seat, O Góð en- | -dureth . for | ever : the sceptre of thy kingdom | is a | right | sceptre.

8 Thou hast loved righteousness and | hated . in- | -iquity : wherefore God, even thy God * hath anointed thee with the oil of | gladness . a- | -bove thy | fellows.

9 All thy garments smell of myrrh | aloes . and | cassia : out of the ivory palaces * whereby | they have | made thee | glad.

10 Kings' daughters were among thy honour- | -able | women : upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold * wrought a- | -bout with | divers | colours.

The Church exhorted to give herself without reserve to Him.

11 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, in- | -cline thine | ear : forget also thine own people | and thy | father's | house.

12 So shall the King have pleasure | in thy | beauty : for he is thy Lord Góð, and | worship | thou | him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there | with a | gift : like as the rich also among the people * shall make their | suppli- | -cation . be- | -fore thee.

14 The King's daughter is all glóri- | -ous with- | -in : her clothing | is of | wrought | gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in | raiment . of | needlework : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company * and shall be | brought | unto | thee.

16 With joy and glâdness shall | they be | brought : and shall enter | into . the | King's | palace.

Her Lord's great future.

17 Instead of thy fâthers thou | shalt have | children : whom thou mâyest make | princes . in | all | lands.

18 I will remember thy Name from one generâtion | to an- | -other : therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee | world with- | -out | end.

PSALM LXXXV. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

The Incarnation, a Subject for Prayer and Study.

Occasion.—*A Babylonian exile, rejoicing that the Captivity is over, prays that conversion of heart may accompany the blessings of freedom.*

Application.—*The Church, rejoicing in the freedom brought to the world by the Incarnation, prays for the gift of repentance to appreciate its blessings.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Christmas Day (Mattins).*

The Blessings of Christmas move to Conversion.

LORD, thou art become grâcious | unto . thy | land : thou hast turned awây the cap- | -tivi- | -ty of | Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence | of thy | people : and | covered | all their | sins.

3 Thou hast taken awây all | thy dis- | -pleasure : and turned thyself from thy | wrathful | indig- | -nation.

4 Turn us then O | God our | Saviour : and let thine anger | cease | from us.

Being reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at | us for | ever : and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one gener- | -ation | to an- | -other ?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and | quicken | us : that thy people | may re- | -joice in | thee ?

7 Shew us thy | mercy . O | Lord : and | grant us | thy sal- | -vation.

A resolve to study the wondrous effects of the Incarnation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning | me : for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints * that they | turn | not a- | -gain.

9 For his salvation is nigh | them that | fear him : that glory may | dwell | in our | land.

10 Mercy and truth are | met to- | -gether : righteousness and | peace have | kissed . each | other.

11 Truth shall flourish | out . of the | earth : and righteousness hath | looked | down from | heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall shew | loving- | -kindness : and our | land shall | give her | increase.

13 Righteousness shall | go be- | -fore him : and he shall direct his | going | in the | way.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXXIX. *Misericordias Domini.*

Faith in the Incarnation in spite of failure.

Occasion.—*Probably written during the Exile to express Israel's disappointment at the ruin of the Davidic Kingdom which seemed to belie God's promise.*

Application.—*The Church contrasting the greatness of God's promises in Christ and her present condition divided and often defeated, throws herself with confident praise on His covenanted mercies*

Use.—*A proper Psalm for Christmas Day (Evensong). For Festival of the Annunciation (American use).*

The Church in distress encourages herself by the thoughts of God's faithfulness.

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness | of the | Lord : with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth * from one gener- | -ation | to an- | -other.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set | up for | ever : thy truth shalt thou | stablish | in the | heavens.

He Who has promised is able.

3 I have made a covenant | with my | chosen : I have sworn | unto | David . my | servant ;

4 Thy seed will I | stablish . for | ever : and set up thy throne from one gener- | -ation | to an- | -other.

This His deeds in History and Nature alike declare.

5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy | wondrous | works : and thy truth in the cōgre- | -gation | of the | saints.

6 For who is hé a- | -mong the | clouds : that shall be com- | -pared | unto . the | Lord ?

7 And what is hé a- | -mong the | gods : that shall be | like | unto . the | Lord ?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the cōuncil | of the | saints : and to be had in reverence of all thēm | that are | round a- | -bout him.

Manifested as Conqueror, Creator, Ruler.

9 O Lord God of hosts * whó is | like . unto | thee : thy truth, most mighty Lórd | is on | every | side.

10 Thou rulest the ráging | of the | sea : thou stillest the wáves there- | -of when | they a- | -rise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt * ánd de- | -stroyed | it : thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad | with thy | mighty | arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the éarth | also . is | thine : thou hast laid the foundation of the round wórld, and | all that | therein | is.

13 Thou hast made the nórth | and the | south : Tabor and Hermon shall re- | -joice | in thy | Name.¹

14 Thou hást a | mighty | arm : strong is thy hánd, and | high is | thy right | hand.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitátion | of thy | seat : mercy and trúth shall | go be- | -fore thy | face.

Blessed, then, are those who trust in Him.

16 Blessed is the people O Lord * that cán re- | -joice in | thee : they shall wálk in the | light | of thy | countenance.

17 Their delight shall be dáily | in thy | Name : and in thy ríghteousness | shall they | make their | boast.

18 For thou art the glóry | of their | strength : and in thy loving-kindness thóu shalt | lift | up our | horns.

¹ "Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name." Tabor was the most beautiful, and Hermon the highest mountain in the land. The two names stand, then, for lovely and awe-inspiring scenery, which proclaim to the hearts of men that beauty and grandeur are alike of God.

19 For the Lórd is | our de- | -fence : the Hóly One of | Israel | is our | King.

The magnificent character of the promises given in Jesus Christ.

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions únto thy | saints and | saidst : I have laid help upon one that is mighty * I have exálted one | chosen | out . of the | people.

21 I have fóund | David . my | servant : with my holy óil have | I a- | -nointed | him.

22 My hánd shall | hold him | fast : ánd my | arm shall | strengthen | him.

23 The enemy shall not be áble to | do him | violence : the són of | wickedness | shall not | hurt him.

24 I will smite down his fôes be- | -fore his | face : ánd | plague | them that | hate him.

25 My truth also and my mércy | shall be | with him : and in my Náme shall his | horn | be ex- | -alted.

26 I will set his dominion álso | in the | sea : ánd his | right hand | in the | floods.

27 He shall call me, Thóu | art my | Father : my Góð | and my | strong sal- | -vation.

28 And I will máke | him my | first-born : hígher than the | kings | of the | earth.

29 My mercy will I kéepe for him for | ever- | -more : and my cówenant shall | stand | fast | with him.

30 His seed also will I máke to en- | -dure for | ever : and his thróne | as the | days of | heaven.

Their fulfilment independent of sin.

31 But if his children for- | -sake my | law : ánd | walk not | in my | judgements ;

32 If they break my statutes * and kéepe not | my com- | mandments : I will visit their offences with the ród | and their | sin with | scourges.

33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not útterly | take | from him : nór | suffer . my | truth to | fail.

34 My covenant will I not break * nor alter the thing that is góne | out of . my | lips : I have sworn once by my holiness * that I' | will not | fail | David.

35 His sêed shall en- | -dure for | ever : and his sêat
is | like . as the | sun be- | -fore me.

36 He shall stand fast for evermôre | as the | moon :
and ás the | faithful | witness . in | heaven.

And yet after centuries of work His Name is blasphemed and His Power
overthrown.

37 But thou hast abhorred and forsáken | thine
A- | -nointed : ánd | art dis- | -pleased | at him.

38 Thou hast broken the covenánt | of thy | servant :
and cást his | crown | to the | ground.

39 Thou hast overthrôwn | all his | hedges : ánd |
broken | down his | strongholds.

40 All thêy that go | by | spoil him : and he is becôme a
re- | -proach | to his | neighbours.

41 Thou hast set up the right hánd | of his | enemies :
and máde all his | adversaries | to re- | -joice.

42 Thou hast taken away the édge | of his | sword : and
givest him nôt | victory | in the | battle.

43 Thôu hast put | out his | glory : and cást his | throne |
down . to the | ground.

44 The days of his yóuth | hast thou | shortened : ánd |
covered . him | with dis- | -honour.

Oh ! that God would remember the promises and pity His people.

45 Lord, how long wilt thou híde thy- | -self for | ever :
and sháll thy | wrath | burn like | fire ?

46 O remember how shórt my | time | is : wherefore
hast thou máde | all | men for | nought ?

47 What man is he that líveth and shall | not see |
death : and shall he deliver his sôul | from the | hand
of | hell ?

48 Lord, where are thy ôld | loving- | -kindnesses : which
thou swárest unto | David | in thy | truth ?

49 Remember Lord, the rebúke that thy | servants |
have : and how I do bear in my bósom the re- | -bukés of |
many | people ;

50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee * and
slandered the fôotsteps of | thine A- | -nointed : Praised be
the Lord for evermôre . | A- . -men and | A- | -men,

PSALM CX. *Dixit Dominus.***The Sovereignty and High Priesthood of the Incarnate Christ.**

Occasion.—*The translation of the Ark to Zion leads to bright anticipations of what David would do when Jehovah had fixed his throne in Jerusalem. As Priest-King of Salem he would awaken enthusiasm among his people and conquer the heathen powers.*

Application.—*Only truly fulfilled in David's Son and David's Lord, whose Birth brings refreshment, whose Priesthood secures pardon, and whose Sovereignty order, to a weary world.*

Use.—*For Christmas Day (Evensong).*

The Divinity and Sovereignty of the Incarnate Lord.

THE Lord said unto | my | Lord : Sit thou on my
right hand * until I make thine | ene- | -mies thy |
footstool.

His ultimate success.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power | out of |
Sion : be thou ruler * even in the | midst a- | -mong
thine | enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee
free-will offerings * with an | holy | worship : the dew of
thy birth is of the | womb | of the | morning.¹

His Divine Priesthood and Warfare with sin.

4 The Lord swear, and will | not re- | -pent : Thou art
a Priest for ever * after the | order | of Mel- | -chisedech.

5 The Lord upon | thy right | hand : shall wound even
kings in the | day | of his | wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen * he shall fill the
places with the | dead | bodies : and smite in sunder the
heads | over | divers | countries.

The secret of His power.

7 He shall drink of the brook | in the | way : therefore
shall he | lift | up his | head.

¹ "The dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning," i.e., it has all the freshness and coolness that is characteristic of the dawn of day.

PSALM CXXXII. *Memento, Domine.***The Presence of Christ the joy of Zion.**

Occasion.—*Amidst the difficulties that attended the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the Divine promises that had gathered about her gave great hope. In some way the Covenanted Presence would be manifested there. A great Prince would arise Who would bring joy and prosperity to Zion.*

Application.—*The Church sings of the realization of Israel's hopes, and prays that her life, ecclesiastical and national, may correspond to the greatness of the Power of the Incarnation.*

Use.—*Proper for Christmas Day (Evensong).*

That the old longing for God's presence may be satisfied.

LÓRD, re- | -member | David : ánd | all | his |
trouble ;

2 How he swáre | unto . the | Lord : and vowed a vow
únto the Al- | -mighty | God of | Jacob ;

3 I will not come within the tábernacle | of mine |
house : nór | climb up | into . my | bed ;

4 I will not suffer mine eyes to slêep, nor mine |
eyelids . to | slumber : neither the temples of my hêad to |
take | any | rest ;

5 Until I find out a place for the têmple | of the |
Lord : an habitation fôr the | mighty | God of | Jacob.

It was manifested in Christ at Bethlehem.

6 Lo, we hêard of the | same at | Ephrata¹ : ánd | found
it | in the | wood.

7 We will gô into his | taber- | -nacle : and fall lów on
our | knees be- | -fore his | footstool.

May it receive a fuller manifestation in the Church,

8 Arise, O Lórd | into . thy | resting-place : thón and
the | ark | of thy | strength.

9 Let thy priests be | clothed . with | righteousness :
and lét thy | saints | sing with | joyfulness.

10 For thy sêrvant | David's | sake : turn not awáy the |
presence . of | thine A- | -nointed.

¹ It is possible that Ephrata was not only a name for the district of Bethlehem but for that of Kirjath-jearim—the fields of the wood—where the Ark rested before being removed to Jerusalem. Its suitability for the Christian meaning of the Psalm needs no comment.

in accordance with the promise of God ;

11 The Lord hath made a faithful oáth | unto | David :
and he | shall not | shrink | from it.

12 Of the frúit | of thy | body : sháll I | set up- | -on
thy | seat.

13 If thy children will keep my covenant * and my
téstimonies that | I shall | learn them : their children also
shall sit upón thy | seat for | ever- | -more.

for she was chosen to be His Body,

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitátion |
for him- | -self : hé hath | longed | for | her.

15 This shall bé my | rest for | ever : here will I dwell *
fór I | have . a de- | -light there- | -in.

16 I will bléss her | victuals . with | increase : and will
sâtis- | -fy her | poor with | bread.

17 I will déck her | priests with | health : and her sâints |
shall re- | -joice and | sing.

and will be therefore the Place of Power.

18 There shall I make the hórñ of | David . to | flóurish :
I have ordáined a | lantern . for | mine A- | -nointed.

19 As for his enemies * I shall clóthe | them with |
shame : but upon himsélf | shall his | crown | flourish.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM VI. *Domine, ne in furore.*

The ultimate punishment of sin, averted by Prayer.

Occasion.—*David in grief over the sin that caused Absalom's rebellion.*

Application.—*The Church in grief over the sin that occasions the world's hostility.*

Use.—*First of the Penitential Psalms. To be used on Ash Wednesday.*

Prayer for Mercy and Healing.

O LORD rebuke me nót in thine | indig- | -nation :
neither châsten | me in | thy dis- | -pleasure.

2 Have mercy upon me O Lórd, for | I am | weak :
O Lord héal me | for my | bones are | vexed.

3 My soul álso is | sore | troubled : but Lord, how
lóng | wilt thou | punish | me ?

Death imminent and Beauty gone.

4 Turn thee O Lórd and de- | -liver . my | soul :
O sáve me | for thy | mercy's | sake.

5 For in death nó man re- | -membereth | thee : and
who will gíve thee | thanks | in the | pit ?

6 I am weary of my groaning * every night wásh | I
my | bed : and wáter my | couch | with my | tears.

7 My beauty is góne for | very | trouble : and worn awáy
be- | -cause of | all mine | enemies.

The assurance that God has heard.

8 Away from me, all yê that | work | vanity : for the
Lord hath héard the | voice | of my | weeping.

9 The Lord hath héard | my pe- | -tition : the Lórd |
will re- | -ceive my | prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confóunded and | sore |
vexed : they shall be turned báck, and | put to | shame |
suddenly.

PSALM XXXII. *Beati, quorum.*

The Blessedness of the Forgiven.

Occasion.—*Probably written by David, after he had received,
through Nathan, God's Absolution for his sin in the matter of
Bathsheba.*

Application.—*The Church, out of her long experience of God's
mercy, gives counsel to the penitent.*

Use.—*Proper for Ash Wednesday (Mattins).*

The blessedness of the forgiven.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness | is for- | -given :
ánd whose | sin | is | covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lórd im- | -puteth .
no | sin : and ín whose | spirit . there | is no | guile.

The misery of confession delayed.

3 For while I | held my | tongue : my bones consumed
awáy | through my | daily . com- | -plaining.

4 For thy hand is heavy upón me | day and | night :
and my móisture is | like the | drought in | summer.

The way of restoration.

5 I will acknowledge my sin | unto | thee : and mine
unrighteousness | have I | not | hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins | unto . the | Lord : and
so thou forgâvest the | wickedness | of my | sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer
unto thee * in a time when thou | mayest . be | found : but
in the great wâter-floods | they shall | not come | nigh
him.¹

8 Thou art a place to hide me in * thou shalt preserve |
me from | trouble : thou shalt compass me about with |
songs | of de- | -liverance.

Submission to God's discipline, and trust in His pardoning mercy, lead to a
realization of peace.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the wây wherein |
thou shalt | go : and I' will | guide thee | with mine | eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule * which hâve no |
under- | -standing : whose mouths must be held with bit
and bridle | lest they | fall up- | -on thee.

11 Great plagues remâin | for . the un- | -godly : but
whoso putteth his trust in the Lord * mercy embrâceth |
him on | every | side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous * and rejoice | in the | Lord :
and be joyful all yē | that are | true of | heart.

PSALM XXXVIII. *Domine, ne in furore.*

National Penitence.

Occasion.—*Some have naturally connected this with David's great sin which, when revealed to him, caused him such distress, and "the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme." But there is no certainty.*

Application.—*To the great national sins of indifference, drunkenness, and immorality, which degrade the Christian life of the Nation and humiliate the Church.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ash Wednesday (Mattins).*

The Church confesses her sad condition, which deserves God's anger.

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lórd | in thine | anger :
neither châsten me | in thy | heavy . dis- | -pleasure.

¹ The Translation :—"For though the water-floods be high, they shall not come nigh him," shows the protection that at once meets those who seek God. The Prayer Book version contrasts the opportunity when God may be found with a time of stress and severe trial, when the sinner is so overwhelmed as not to be able to get near God.

2 For thine árrows stick | fast in | me : ánd thy | hand |
presseth . me | sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh * becaûse of | thy
dis- | -pleasure : neither is there any rest in my bônes,
by | reason | of my | sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gône | over . my | head :
and are like a sore búrden too | heavy . for | me to | bear.

5 My wounds stínk and | are cor- | -rupt : thróugh |
my | foolish- | -ness.

6 I am brought into so gréat | trouble . and | misery :
that I go móurníng | all the | day | long.

7 For my loins are filled with a | sore dis- | -ease : and
there is nó | whole part | in my | body.

8 I am féeble and | sore | smitten : I have roared for
the véry dis- | -quietness | of my | heart.

She bewails her weakness and isolation, but without complaint.

9 Lord, thou knowest áll | my de- | sire : and my
gróaning | is not | hid from | thee.

10 My heart panteth, my stréngth hath | failed | me : and
the síght of mine | eyes is | gone | from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand lóoking
up- | -on my | trouble : and my kinsmen | stood a- | -far | off.

12 They also that sought after my lífe laid | snares for |
me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of
wickedness * and imagined decéit | all the | day | long.

13 As for me, I was like a déaf | man and | heard not :
and as one that is dúmb, who | doth not | open . his |
mouth.

14 I became even as a mán that | heareth | not : and in
whóse | mouth are | no re- | -proofs.

God surely will help her and so sílence the triumphant joy of her enemies.

15 For in thee, O Lórd have I | put my | trust : thou
shalt ánsver for | me O | Lord my | God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies *
should not triumph | over | me : for when my foot slipped *
théy re- | -joiced | greatly . a- | -gainst me.

17 And I truly am sêt | in the | plague : and my
héaviness is | ever | in my | sight.

18 For I' will con- | -fess my | wickedness : and be |
sorry | for my | sin.

19 But mine enemies live | and are | mighty : and they
that hate me wrongfully | are | many . in | number.

20 They also that reward evil for good | are a- | -gainst
me : because I follow the | thing that | good | is.

21 Forsake me not O | Lord my | God : be not | thou |
far | from me.

22 Haste | thee to | help me : O Lord | God of | my
sal- | -vation.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM CII. *Domine, exaudi.*

The Church in Penitence.

Occasion.—*Zion is in ruins, the Jewish Church in captivity and depressed it would seem beyond the power of recovery. There is only one ray of hope, and that the intense longing some of her sons have for her Restoration. It is this that some prophet, possibly Jeremiah, urges in this Psalm.*

Application.—*In places abroad and at home the Church is still in a captivity marked by humiliating features, infrequency of Communion, isolation, and contempt. But some there are who "think upon her stones," and their love for her inspires great hope.*

Use.—*Ash Wednesday (Evensong).*

The Church's appeal to be heard.

HÉAR my | prayer O | Lord : and let my crying |
come | unto | thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time | of my |
trouble : incline thine ear unto me when I call * O hear |
me and | that right | soon.

Her sad condition—dry, depressed, solitary, and reviled.

3 For my days are consumed a- | -way like | smoke :
and my bones are burnt up | as it | were a | firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten down and | withered . like | grass :
so that I' for- | -get to | eat my | bread.

5 For the voice | of my | groaning : my bones will
scarce | cleave | to my | flesh.

6 I am become like a p  lican | in the | wilderness : and
like an   wl | that is | in the | desert.

7 I have watched * and am   ven as it | were a |
sparrow : that sitteth a- | -lone up- | -on the | house-top.

8 Mine enemies rev  le me | all the . day | long : and
they that are mad up  n me are | sworn to- | -gether .
a- | -gainst me.

9 For I have eaten   shes | as it . were | bread :   nd |
mingled . my | drink with | weeping ;

10 And that because of thine   ndig- | -nation . and |
wrath : for thou hast t  ken me | up and | cast me | down.

11 My days are g  ne | like a | shadow : and I* am |
withered | like | grass.

Her hope, grounded on the concern her children have for her.

12 But thou, O L  rd shalt en- | -dure for | ever : and thy
remembrance through  t | all | gener- | -ations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have m  rcy up- | -on | Sion :
for it is time that thou have mercy up  n her, | yea the |
time is | come.

14 And why * thy servants th  nk up- | -on her | stones :
and it pitieth th  m to | see her | in the | dust.

Church Revival promotes Missionary success.

15 The heathen shall f  ar thy | Name O | Lord : and all
the k  ngs | of the | earth thy | Majesty ;

16 When the L  rd shall | build up | Sion : and wh  n
his | glory | shall ap- | -pear ;

17 When he turneth him unto the pr  yer of the | poor |
destitute :   nd de- | -spiseth . not | their de- | -sire.

18 This shall be written for th  se that | come | after :
and the people which sh  ll be | born shall | praise | the
Lord.

19 For he hath looked d  wn | from his | sanctuary : out
of the h  aven did the | Lord be- | -hold the | earth ;

20 That he might hear the mournings of s  ch as are |
in cap- | -tivity : and deliver the children ap- | -pointed |
unto | death ;

21 That they may declare the N  me of the | Lord in |
Sion :   nd his | worship | at Je- | -rusalem ;

22 When the péople are | gathered . to- | -gether : and
the kíngdoms | also . to | serve the | Lord.

And this in spite of weakness, for her King is Eternal.

23 He brought down my stréngth | in my | journey :
ánd | shortened | my | days.

24 But I said * O my God, take me not away in the
mídst | of mine | age : as for thy years, they endure
throughóut | all | gener- | -ations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning * hast laid the
foundátion | of the | earth : and the héavens are the |
work of | thy | hands.

26 They shall perish, but thóu | shalt en- | -dure : they
áll shall wax | old as | doth a | garment ;

27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them * ánd they |
shall be | changed : but thou art the same, ánd thy | years |
shall not | fail.

28 The children of thy sêrvants | shall con- | -tinue : and
their sêed shall stand | fast | in thy | sight.

PSALM CXXX. *De profundis.*

**May the sin that clogs our efforts be forgiven
and abolished.**

Occasion.—*Nehemiah, as we see from his prayer, felt that national sin was the most serious danger. So the author of this Psalm stirs up his countrymen to seek for peace of conscience as the foundation of their new life.*

Application.—*The Church's most difficult work is to awaken the national conscience and make it realize the depth of its guilt. No progress towards the ideal social life is possible without it.*

Use.—*Proper for Ash Wednesday (Evensong).*

The deep of National Sin.

OUT of the deep have I called únto | thee, O | Lord :
Lórd | hear | my | voice.

2 O let thine éars con- | -sider | well : thê | voice of |
my com- | -plaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mârk what is | done
a- | -miss : O Lórd | who | may a- | -bide it ?

4 Fôr there is | mercy . with | thee : thêrefore | shalt |
thou be | feared.

Redemption found only in God.

5 I look for the Lórd ; my sôul doth | wait for | him : in his | word | is my | trust.

6 My soul flêeth | unto . the | Lórd : before the morning watch, I sây, be- | -fore the | morning | watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lórd * for with the Lórd | there is | mercy : ând with | him is | plenteous . re- | demption.

8 And hé shall re- | -deem | Israel : frôm | all | his | sins.

PSALM CXLIII. *Domine, exaudi.*

The Church in Penitence.

Occasion.—*Possibly the voice of Israel languishing in the prison of exile, or nearly crushed out of existence by relentless enemies in one of the gloomy periods of its history after the Exile.*

Application.—*The Church uses this as expressing her sense of national or social sin which not only depresses her life but prevents the exercise of influence. Her only hope is in God.*

Use.—*For Ash Wednesday (Evensong).*

The Church, sinful and troubled, craves for mercy.

HEAR my prayer O Lórd * and consider | my de- | sire : hearken unto mé for thy | truth and | righteousness' | sake.

2 And enter not into júdgement | with thy | servant : for in thy síght shall | no man | living . be | justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul * he hath smitten my life | down . to the | ground : he hath laid me in the darkness * as the mén that | have been | long | dead.

4 Therefore is my spírit | vexed . with- | -in me : ând my | heart with- | -in me . is | desolate.

Contemplation of God's power leads her to ask for teaching and life.

5 Yet do I remember the time past * I múse upon | all thy | works : yea, I exercise myself in the | works | of thy | hands.

6 I stretch forth my hânds | unto | thee : my soul gaspeth unto thée | as a | thirsty | land.

7 Hear me O Lord, and that soon * for my spirit | waxeth | faint : hide not thy face from me * lest I be like unto them that go | down | into . the | pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning * for in thee | is my | trust : shew thou me the way that I should walk in * for I lift up my | soul | unto | thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord | from mine | enemies : for I flee | unto | thee to | hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee * for thou | art my | God : let thy loving Spirit lead me forth | into . the | land of | righteousness.

11 Quicken me O Lord, for thy | Name's | sake : and for thy righteousness' sake bring my | soul | out of | trouble.

12 And of thy goodness | slay mine | enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul, for | I am | thy | servant.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXII. *Deus, Deus meus.*

The Character and Effects of the Passion of Christ.

Occasion.—Possibly *David's sufferings*.

Application.—“*The Psalm has its roots in David's own experience, but its language reaches far beyond it to the sufferings of Christ.*”

Use.—*Proper for Good Friday.*

The unswerving loyalty of the Forsaken Sufferer.

MY God, my God, look upon me * why hast thou for- | saken | me : and art so far from my health * and from the | words of | my com- | -plaint ?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time * but thou | hearest | not : and in the night-season | also . I | take no | rest.

3 And thou con- | -tinuest | holy : O' | — thou | worship . of | Israel.

4 Our fâthers | hoped . in | thee : they trusted in thêe
and thou | didst de- | -liver | them.

5 They called upon thêe | and were | holpen : they put
their trust in thêe | and were | not con- | -founded.

6 But as for me I am a wôrm, and | no | man : a very
scorn of mên and the | outcast | of the | people.

7 All they that see me * lâugh | me to | scorn : they
shoot out their lîps, and | shake their | heads | saying,

8 He trusted in God, that hê would de- | -liver | him :
let him delîver him | if he | will | have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my | mother's |
womb : thou wast my hope, when I hanged yêt up- | -on
my | mother's | breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever sînce | I was | born :
thou art my God, éven | from my | mother's | womb.

In the agony and shame of the Cross He still prays.

11 O go not from me * for trôuble is | hard at | hand :
ând | there is | none to | help me.

12 Many ôxen are | come a- | -bout me : fat bulls of
Basan clôse me | in on | every | side.

13 They gape upôn me | with their | mouths : as it were
a râmping | and a | roaring | lion.

14 I am poured out like water * and all my bônes are |
out of | joint : my heart also in the midst of my bôdy is |
even . like | melting | wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd * and my
tongue cléaveth | to my | gums : and thou shalt bring me |
into . the | dust of | death.

16 For many dôgs are | come a- | -bout me : and the
council of the wicked | layeth | siege a- | -gainst me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet * I may têll |
all my | bones : they stând | staring . and | looking .
up- | -on me.

18 They pârt my | garments . a- | -mong them : and câst |
lots up- | -on my | vesture.

19 But be not thou fâr from | me O | Lord : thou art
my succour | haste | thee to | help me.

20 Deliver my sôul | from the | sword : my darling
frôm the | power | of the | dog.

21 Save me frôm the | lion's | mouth : thou hast heard
me also from amông the | horns¹ | of the | unicorns.

The triumphant issue of the Suffering.

22 I will declare thy Náme | unto my | brethren : in the
midst of the cóngre- | -gation | will I | praise thee.

23 O praise the Lórd | ye that | fear him : magnify
him all ye of the seed of Jacob * and fêar him | all ye |
seed of | Israel ;

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred, the low
estáte | of the | poor : he hath not hid his face from him *
but when he cálled | unto | him he | heard him. -

25 My praise is of thee in the gréat | congre- | -gation : my
vows will I perfôrme in the | sight of | them that | fear him.

It glorious effects on the poor and the heathen, on high and low.

26 The poor shall éat | and be | satisfied : they that seek
after the Lórd shall praise him * yóur | heart shall | live
for | ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember them-
selves * and be túrned | unto . the | Lórd : and all the
kíndreds of the | nations . shall | worship . be- | -fore him.

28 For the kíngdom | is the | Lórd's : and he is the
Góver- | -nour a- | -mong the | people.

29 All sũch as be | fat up- . -on | earth² : háve | eaten |
and | worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dúst shall | kneel be- |
fore him : and nó man hath | quickened . his | own | soul.

The Divine Righteousness justified.

31 Mý | seed shall | serve him : they shall be counted
unto the Lórd | for a | gener- | -ation.

32 They shall come * and the héavens shall de- | -clare
his | righteousness : unto a people that shall be bôrn |
whom the | Lórd hath | made.

¹ "From among the horns," *i.e.*, in the uttermost peril, when being tossed by "the fat bulls of Basan, who closed him in on every side."

² The "fat upon earth," refers to the wealthy who are contrasted with the poor who have not bread enough to keep themselves alive. All worship the Suffering Christ.

PSALM XL. *Expectans expectavi.***The Mystery and Motive of the Passion.**

Occasion.—*Writer and circumstances unknown. If David's, "then it would seem to belong to the later years of his outlaw life, shortly before he became king."*

Application.—*Part of it is directly applied by the Author of the Epistle to the Hebrews as predictive of the Messiah on His entering into the world, and the whole by the Church to His Passion.*

Use.—*Meditation on the Passion, with Intercession for the Church.*

The Resurrection, the Crown of the Atonement.

I WAITED pátiently | for the | Lord : and he inclined
únto | me and | heard my | calling.

2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit * óut of
the | mire and | clay : and set my feet upon the róck, and |
ordered | my | goings.

The Conversion of the world, its Effect.

3 And he hath put a new sोंg | in my | mouth : even a
thánks- | -giving | unto . our | God.

4 Mány shall | see it . and | fear : and shall pút their |
trust | in the | Lord.

5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hópe | in the |
Lord : and turned not unto the proud * and to súch as |
go a- | -bout with | lies.

Devotion to the Father, its motive.

6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which
thou hast done * like as be also thy thóughts which | are
to | us-ward : and yet there is no man that órdereth |
them | unto | thee.

7 If I should decláre them and | speak of | them : they
should be more than I' am | able | to ex- | -press.

8 Sacrifice and meat-óffering thou | wouldest | not : búť
mine | ears | hast thou | opened.

9 Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin * hast thóu | not
re- | -quired : thén | said I | Lo I | come,

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me * that I
should fulfil thy will | O my | God : I am content to do it *
yea thy lắw | is with- | -in my | heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the gréat
congre- | -gation : lo, I will not refrain my líps O | Lord
and | that thou | knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness with- | -in my | heart : my talk hath been of thy truth | and of | thy sal- | -vation.

13 I have not kept back thy loving | mercy . and | truth : from the | great | congre- | -gation.

The Bearing of Human Sin, its Mystery.

14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from | me O | Lord : let thy loving-kindness and thy truth | al- | -way pre- | -serve me.

15 For innumerable troubles are come about me * my sins have taken such hold upon me * that I am not áble to | look | up : yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head * ánd my | heart hath | failed | me.

The Intercession, its prevailing-Power.

16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to de- | -liver | me : máke | haste O | Lord to | help me.

17 Let them be ashamed and confounded together * that seek after my sôul | to de- | -stroy it : let them be driven backward * and put to re- | -buke that | wish me | evil.

18 Let them be desolate, ánd re- | -warded . with | shame : that say unto me, Fie up- | -on thee | fie up- | -on thee.

19 Let all those that seek thee be jôyful and | glad in | thee : and let such as love thy salvation say álway The | Lord | be | praised.

20 As for mé I am | poor and | needy : búť the | Lord | careth | for me.

21 Thou art my hêlper | and re- | -deemer : make nô long | tarrying | O my | God.

PSALM LIV. *Deus, in nomine.*

A Meditation on the Passion.

Occasion.—*According to the Inscription, probably a true tradition, written by David, when the Ziphites betrayed his hiding-place to Saul, and he was consequently in great peril.*

Application.—*By the Church to the Betrayal and Passion of Christ.*

Use.—*Good Friday (Mattins).*

Voice of Christ in His Passion.

SAVE me, O Gód, for thy | Name's | sake : ánd a- |
venge me | in thy | strength.

2 Hêar my | prayer O | God : and hearken ûnto the | words | of my | mouth.

3 For strangers are rîsen | up a- | -gainst me : and tyrants, which have not God before their êyes | seek | after . my | soul.

Confidence in Victory.

4 Behold, Góð | is my | helper : the Lord is with thém | that up- | -hold my | soul.

5 He shall reward évil | unto . mine | enemies : destróy thou | them | in thy | truth.

Devotion to the Father.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee * and práise thy | Name O | Lord : bé- | -cause it | is so | comfortable.

7 For he hath delivered me óut of | all my | trouble : and mine eye hath sêen his de- | -sire up- | -on mine | enemies.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM LXIX. *Salvum me fac.*

A Meditation on the Sorrows of Christ and their power.

Occasion.—*Probably written by Jeremiah, the Jewish patriot. In it he describes his love and zeal for his people which one day would bear fruit.*

Application.—*The use on Good Friday suggests that we are to look on it as a picture of Christ's sufferings and the blessings given to the Church through them.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Good Friday (Evensong).*

The desperate situation.

SÁVE | me O | God : for the waters are come ín | even | unto . my | soul.

2 I stick fast in the deep mire * whêre no | ground | is : I am come into deep waters * só that the | floods run | over | me.

3 I am weary of crýing ; my | throat is | dry : my sight faileth me for wáiting so | long up- | -on my | God.

4 They that hate me without a cause, are more than the háirs | of my | head : they that are mine enemies, and wóuld de- | -stroy me | guiltless . are | mighty.

5 I paid them the things that I | never | took : God, thou knowest my simpleness * and my fáults | are not | hid from | thee.

6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts * be ashâmed for | my | cause : let not those that seek thee * be confounded through mé O | Lord | God of | Israel.

His sufferings due to His zeal for God.

7 And why * for thy sâke have I | suffered . re- | -proof : shâme hath | covered | my | face.

8 I am become a strânger | unto . my | brethren : even an âlien | unto . my | mother's | children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath éven | eaten | me : and the rebukes of them that rebúked | thee are | fallen . up- | -on me.

10 I wept, and châstened my- | -self with | fasting : and thât was | turned . to | my re- | -proof.

11 I pút on | sackcloth | also : ând they | jested . up- | -on | me.

12 They that sit in the gâte | speak a- | -gainst me : ând the | drunkards . make | songs up- | -on me.

He prays to be delivered from death.

13 But, Lord, I make my práyer | unto | thee : ín | an ac- | -ceptable | time.

14 Hear me, O God, in the mûltitude | of thy | mercy : even ín the | truth of | thy sal- | -vation.

15 Take me out of the mîre | that I | sink not : O let me be delivered from them that hate me * ând | out . of the | deep | waters.

16 Let not the water-flood drown me * neither let the dêep | swallow . me | up : and let not the pît | shut her | mouth up- | -on me.

Fresh appeal on the ground of His loneliness and shameful treatment.

17 Hear me O Lord, for thy lóving- | -kindness . is | comfortable : turn thee unto me accórding to the | multitude | of thy | mercies.

18 And hide not thy face from thy sérvant for | I am .
in | trouble : O' | haste | thee and | hear me.

19 Draw nîgh unto my | soul and | save it : O deliver me,
be- | -cause of | mine | enemies.

20 Thou hast known my reproof, my shâme and | my
dis- | -honour : mine âdversaries are | all in | thy | sight.

21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart * I' am | full of |
heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but
there was no man * neither fôund I | any . to | comfort | me.

22 They gâve me | gall to | eat : and when I was thirsty
they gâve me | vine- | -gar to | drink.

23 Let their table be made a snare to tâke them- | -selves
with- | -al : and let the things that should have been for
their wealth * be unto thém | an oc- | -casion . of | falling.

24 Let their eyes be blinded | that they | see not : and
éver | bow thou | down their | backs.

25 Pour out thine indig- | -nation . up- | -on them :
and let thy wrâthful dis- | -pleasure . take | hold of | them.

26 Let their hábit- | -ation . be | void : and nô man to |
dwell | in their | tents.

27 For they persecute hím whom | thou hast | smitten :
and they talk how they may vêx | them whom | thou hast |
wounded.

28 Let them fall from one wickedness | to an- | -other :
ând | not come | into . thy | righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped out of the bôok | of the | living :
and nô be | written . a- | -mong the | righteous.

Yet His sorrows will build up a Great Church.

30 As for me, when I am pôor | and in | heaviness :
thy hêlp O | God shall | lift me | up.

31 I will praise the Name of Gôd | with a | song : and
mâgni- | -fy it . with | thanks- | -giving.

32 This âlso shall | please the | Lord : better than a
búllock | that hath | horns and | hoofs.

33 The humble shall consider thís | and be | glad : seek
ye after Gôd | and your | soul shall | live.

34 For the Lórd | heareth . the | poor : ând de- | -spiseth |
not his | prisoners.

35 Let héaven and | earth | praise him : the sêa, and | all that | moveth . there- | -in.

36 For God will save Sion * and bûild the | cities . of | Judah : that men may dwell thêre, and | have it | in pos- | -session.

37 The posterity also of his servants shâll in- | -herit | it : and they that lôve his | Name shall | dwell there- | -in.

PSALM LXXXVIII. *Domine Deus.*

A Meditation on the Sufferings of Christ.

Subject.—*Israel in exile lamenting its exclusion from the light of God's Presence.*

Application.—*The cry out of the darkness that overwhelmed Christ upon the Cross.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Good Friday (Evensong).*

The loyal faith of the Forsaken One.

O LORD God of my salvation * I have cried day and | night be- | -fore thee : O let my prayer enter into thy presence * incline thine | ear | unto . my | calling.

2 For my sôul is | full of | trouble : and my life draweth | nigh | unto | hell.

The abandonment of the Cross.

3 I am counted as one of them that go dôwn | into . the | pit : and I have been êven as a | man that | hath no | strength.

4 Free among the dead * like unto them that are wounded and lie | in the | grave : who are out of remembrance * and are cût a- | -way | from thy | hand.

5 Thou hast láid me in the | lowest | pit : in a plâce of | darkness . and | in the | deep.

6 Thine indignation lieth | hard up- | -on me : and thou hast véxed | me with | all thy | storms.

7 Thou hast put away mine acquâintance | far | from me : and máde me to | be ab- | -horred | of them.

8 I' am so | fast in | prison : thât I | cannot | get | forth.

Its mysterious darkness and inconceivable horrors.

9 My sight fáileth for | very | trouble : Lord, I have called daily upon thee * I have stretched fôrth my | hands | unto | thee.

10 Dost thou shew wónders a- | -mong the | dead : or
shall the déad rise | up a- | -gain and | praise thee ?

11 Shall thy loving-kindness be shéwed | in the | grave :
ôr thy | faithfulness | in de- | -struction ?

12 Shall thy wondrous works be knówn | in the | dark :
and thy righteousness in the lând where | all things | are
for- | -gotten ?

13 Unto thêe have I | cried . O | Lord : and early shall
my | prayer | come be- | -fore thee.

14 Lord, why abhórrest | thou my | soul : and hídest |
thou thy | face | 'from me ?

15 I am in misery * and like unto him that is át the |
point to | die : even from my youth up, thy terrors have I
súffered | with a | troubled | mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure góeth | over | me : and the
féar of | thee | hath un- | -done me.

17 They came round abóut me | daily . like | water : and
cómpassed me to- | -gether . on | every | side.

18 My lovers and friends hast thou pút a- | -way | from
me : and híd mine ac- | -quaintance | out of . my | sight.

EASTER DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Christ is Risen.

Occasion.—*The second and third passages from the Bible have
been used from very early English times on Easter Day.*

Use.—*On Easter Day instead of the Venite.*

How the Festival is to be kept.

CHRIST our passover is sácri- | -ficed . for | us :
thêrefore | let us | keep the | feast.

2 Not with the old leaven * nor with the léaven of |
malice . and | wickedness : but with the unleavened bréad
of sin- | -ceri- | -ty and | truth. 1 Cor. v. 7.

Its present meaning to ourselves.

3 Christ being raised from the déad | dieth . no | more :
death hath no móre do- | -minion | over | him.

4 For in that he died * he died unto | sin | once : but
in that he liveth he | liveth | unto | God.

5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be déad indeed |
unto | sin : but alive unto Góð through | Jesus | Christ our |
Lord. *Rom. vi. 9.*

Its future significance to the world.

6 Christ is risen | from the | dead : and become the
first- | -fruits of | them that | slept.

7 For sínce by | man came | death : by man came also
the résur- | -rection | of the | dead.

8 For as in Ádam | all | die : even so in Chríst shall |
all be | made a- | -live. *1 Cor. xv. 20.*

Glory be to the Fâther, | and . to the | Son : ánd | to
the | Holy | Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning * is nów, and | ever | shall
be : wórlð without | end. | A- | -men.

PSALM II. *Quare fremuerunt gentes ?*

The Supremacy of the Risen Christ.

Occasion.—*Written to celebrate the expectations of dominion that
were formed when Solomon ascended the throne.*

Application.—*To the Resurrection of Christ and the world-wide
Government obtained thereby (Acts iv. 25-29).*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day.*

The Folly of the world's rebellion against Christ's rule.

WHY do the heathen so fúriously | rage to- | -gether :
and why do the péople im- | -agine . a | vain | thing ?

2 The kings of the earth stand up * and the rúlers take |
counsel . to- | -gether : against the Lórd and a- | -gainst |
his A- | -nointed.

3 Let us bréak their | bonds a- | -sunder : and cást
a- | -way their | cords | from us.

The Divine answer.

4 He that dwelleth in héaven shall | laugh them . to |
scorn : the Lórd shall | have them | in de- | -rision.

5 Then shall he speak unto thém | in his | wrath : and
vêx them | in his | sore dis- | -pleasure.

6 Yêť have I | set my | King : upón my | holy | hill of |
Sion.

Easter Day the proclamation of the Divine Sonship and Kingship.

7 I will preach the law * whereof the Lord hath sáid |
unto | me : Thou art my Son * this dáy have | I be- |
gotten | thee.

8 Desire of me * and I shall give thee the hêathen for |
thine in- | -heritance : and the utmost párts of the | earth
for | thy pos- | -session.

9 Thou shalt brúise them with a | rod of | iron : and
break them in piéces | like a | potter's | vessel.

The warning to the world.

10 Be wise now thêrefore | O ye | kings : be learned, yê
that are | judges | of the | earth.

11 Sêrve the | Lord in | fear : and rejóice | unto | him
with | reverence.

12 Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and so ye pêrish from
the | right | way : if his wrath be kindled (yea but a little), *
blessed are all thêy that | put their | trust in | him.

PSALM LVII. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

The Power of His Resurrection.

Occasion.—*According to the Inscription, when David fled before
Saul into the cave.*

Application.—*The Church feels herself entangled in the fearful
social evils that are now eating away her life, and appeals to
the Risen Lord to manifest His Resurrection Power.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day (Mattins).*

Prayer that the power of the Redeemer may be realized in a suffering world.

BE merciful unto me O God * be merciful unto me, for
my sôul | trusteth . in | thee : and under the shadow
of thy wings shall be my refuge * until this | tyranny . be |
over- | -past.

2 I will cáll unto the | most high | God : even unto
the God that shall perform the cäuse | which I | have in |
hand,

3 Hê shall | send from | heaven : and save me from the reproof of hîm | that would | eat me | up.

4 God shall send fôrth his | mercy . and | truth : my sôul | is a- | -mong | lions.

5 And I lie even among the children of mên that are | set on | fire¹ : whose teeth are spears and arrows * ând their | tongue a | sharp | sword.

6 Set up thyself O Gôd, a- | -bove the | heavens : and thy glôry a- | -bove | all the | earth.

The Church, seeing its glorious effects, rejoices.

7 They have laid a net for my feet * and prêssed | down my | soul : they have digged a pit before me * and are fallen into the | midst of | it them- | -selves.

8 My heart is fixed O Gôd my | heart is | fixed : I' will | sing and | give | praise.

9 Awake up my glory * awâke | lute and | harp : I myself | will a- | -wake right | early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lôrd a- | -mong the | people : and I will sing unto | thee a- | -mong the | nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy réacheth | unto . the | heavens : ând thy | truth | unto . the | clouds.

12 Set up thyself, O Gôd a- | -bove the | heavens : and thy glôry a- | -bove | all the | earth.

PSALM CXI. *Confitebor tibi.*

The Hopes raised by the Resurrection.

Occasion.—*An alphabetical Psalm, written probably after the Exile, to encourage gratitude for what God had done in the past, and hope for the future.*

Application.—*The Church has naturally applied the Psalm to the deliverance effected by the Resurrection, with the hopes of missionary success that are bound up with it.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day.*

The Resurrection worthy of all praise and honour.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lôrd with my | whole | heart : secretly among the fâithful, and | in the | congre- | -gation.

¹ "Children of men that are set on fire," i.e., who are as dangerous as lighted torches in a gunpowder vault.

2 The wôrks of the | Lord are | great : sought out of
all thém | that have | pleasure . there- | -in.

3 His work is worthy to be práised, and | had in |
honour : and his ríghteous- | -ness en- | -dureth . for | ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so dóne his |
marvellous | works : that they óught to be | had | in
re- | -membrance.

The blessings it brings and the hopes it excites.

5 He hath given méat unto | them that | fear him : he
shall éver be | mindful | of his | covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the pówér | of his | works :
that he may gíve them the | heritage | of the | heathen.

7 The works of his hands are vêrity | and | judgement :
áll | his com- | -mandments . are | true.

8 They stand fást for | ever . and | ever : ánd are |
done in | truth and | equity.

Its redeeming power.

9 He sent redémption | unto . his | people : he hath
commanded his covenant for ever * hóly and | reverend |
is his | Name.

10 The fear of the Lórd is the be- | -ginning . of | wisdom :
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter *
the práise of | it en- | -dureth . for | ever.

Ebening Prayer.

PSALM CXIII. *Laudate, pueri.*

The Resurrection and its effect on the Church.

Occasion.—*Written to celebrate God's condescending care in
redeeming Israel from the Babylonish captivity.*

Application.—*Probably sung by our Lord in anticipation of the
fruits of His redeeming work. The Church looks back to
the fulfilment of His desires in the Resurrection.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day (Evensong).*

Praise God for the Resurrection of Christ,

PRÁISE the | Lord ye | servants : O práise the |
Name | of the | Lord.

2 Blessed be the Náme | of the | Lord : from this time |
forth for | ever- | -more.

3 The Lórd's | Name is | praised : from the rising up
of the sun, unto the góing | down | of the | same.

which manifests the Divine Humility,

4 The Lord is high a- | -bove all | heathen : ánd his |
glory . a- | -bove the | heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God * that háth his |
dwelling . so | high : and yet humbleth himself to behold
the things that | are in | heaven and | earth ?

and His love for the Church.

6 He taketh up the símple | out . of the | dust : and
lífteth the | poor | out . of the | mire ;

7 That he may sêth him | with the | princes : even with
the | princes | of his | people.

8 He maketh the barren wóman to | keep | house : and
to bé a | joyful | mother . of | children.

PSALM CXIV. *In exitu Israel.*

The Victory of Christ over Death.

Occasion.—*A joyful Thanksgiving for the recent deliverance of
the nation from captivity.*

Application.—*To the Power of the Risen Christ over Death and
in Life.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Easter Day (Evensong).*

The joy of the Old Exodus realized in the New.

WHEN Israel cáme | out of | Egypt : and the house
of Jacob fróm a- | -mong the | strange | people,

2 Júdah | was his | sanctuary : ánd | Israel | his do- |
minion.

Christ's Risen Presence excites terror in the realms of death.

3 The sêa saw | that, and | fled : Jór- | -dan was |
driven | back.

4 The móuntains | skipped like | rams : and the líttle |
hills like | young | sheep.

5 What aileth thee, O thou sêa | that thou | fleddest :
and thou Jórdan that | thou wast | driven | back ?

6 Ye mountains, thát ye | skipped . like | rams : and ye
lítte | hills like | young | sheep ?

The earth henceforth irradiated by a new Presence and quickening Power.

7 Tremble thou earth, at the présence | of the | Lord :
at the présence | of the | God of | Jacob ;

8 Who turned the hard rók into a | standing | water :
and the flint-stone | into . a | springing | well.

PSALM CXVIII. *Confitemini Domino.*

The Triumph of the Risen Christ.

Occasion.—*National Hymn of Thanksgiving for the blessing of restoration to their native land, sung by the exiles on the first celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles.*

Application.—*The Church's Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Resurrection.*

Use.—*Proper for Easter Day (Evensong).*

The confession of the faithfulness of God's love.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lórd, for | he is | gracious :
becáuse his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

2 Let Israel now conféss that | he is | gracious : and
thát his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

3 Let the house of Aáron | now con- | -fess : thát his |
mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

4 Yea, let them now that fêar the | Lord con- | -fess :
thát his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

The experience of this faithfulness in very sore trials.

5 I called upón the | Lord in | trouble : and the Lórd |
heard | me at | large.

6 The Lórd is | on my | side : I will not fêar what | man .
doeth | unto | me.

7 The Lord taketh my párt with | them that | help
me : therefore shall I sée my de- | -sire up- | -on mine |
enemies.

8 It is better to trúst | in the | Lord : than to pút any |
confi- | -dence in | man.

9 It is better to trúst | in the | Lord : than to pút any |
confi- | -dence in | princes.

10 All nations compassed me | round a- | -bout : but in the Náme of the | Lord will | I de- | -stroy them.

11 They kept me in on every side * they kept me in I sáy on | every | side : but in the Náme of the | Lord will | I de- | -stroy them.

12 They came about me like bees * and are extinct even as the fire a- | -mong the | thorns : for in the Náme of the | Lord I | will de- | -stroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at mé, that | I might | fall : búť the | Lord | was my | help.

14 The Lord is my stréngth | and my | song : and ís be- | -come | my sal- | -vation.

The deliverance by the Power of God.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwéllings | of the | righteous : the right hand of the Lórd bringeth | mighty | things to | pass.

16 The right hand of the Lórd | hath . the pre- | eminence : the right hand of the Lórd bringeth | mighty | things to | pass.

17 I sháll not | die but | live : and decláre the | works | of the | Lord.

18 The Lord hath chástened and cor- | -rected | me : but he hath not gíven me | over | unto | death.

Fling wide the gates that Heaven may ring with joy.

19 O'pen me the | gates of | righteousness : that I may go into them * ánd give | thanks | unto . the | Lord.

20 This is the gáte | of the | Lord : the righteous shall | enter | into | it.

21 I will thánk thee for | thou hast | heard me : and árt be- | -come | my sal- | -vation.

22 The same stóne which the | builders . re- | -fused : is becóme the | head-stone | in the | corner.

23 Thís is the | Lord's | doing : ánd it is | marvellous | in our | eyes.

24 This is the dáy which the | Lord hath | made : we will rejóice | and be | glad in | it.

Hosanna and Blessing to the Risen Christ.

25 Hêlp me | now O | Lord : O Lórd | send us | now
pros- | -perity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Náme | of the |
Lord : we have wished you good luck * ye that âre of the |
house | of the | Lord.

27 God is the Lórd who hath | shewed . us | light : bind
the sacrifice with cords * yea, even únto the | horns |
of the | altar.

28 Thou art my Gód, and | I will | thank thee : thóu
art my | God, and | I will | praise thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lórd, for | he is | gracious :
ând his | mercy . en- | -dureth . for | ever.

ASCENSION DAY.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM VIII. *Domine, Dominus noster.*

Humanity in Christ crowned with glory and worship.

Occasion.—Possibly by David when watching his flocks on the
fields of Bethlehem. Man's dignity the true marvel of the
Universe.

Application.—By the Church to the Ascended Christ in Whom
alone the Prophecy of Humanity is realized.

Use.—Proper Psalm for Ascension Day.

The future glory of man seen in the Incarnate and Ascended Christ.

O LORD our Governour * how excellent is thy Náme
in | all the | world : thou that hast sêd thy | glory .
a- | -bove the | heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast
thou ordained strength * becáuse | of thine | enemies :
that thou mightest stíll the | enemy | and . the a- | -venger.

This, in spite of seeming insignificance, is his destiny.

3 For I will consider thy heavens * even the wórks |
of thy | fingers : the moon and the stárs | which thou |
hast or- | -dained.

4 What is man, that thou art | mindful . of | him : and the sôn of man | that thou | visitest | him ?

5 Thou madest him lôwer | than the | angels : to crôwn | him with | glory . and | worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the wôrks | of thy | hands : and thou hast put all things in sub- | -jection | under . his | feet ;

7 Áll | sheep and | oxen : yéa and the | beasts | of the | field ;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes | of the | sea : and whatsoever walketh thrôugh the | paths | of the | seas.

Praise for the Revelation.

9 Ó | Lord our | Governour : how excellent is thy | Name in | all the | world !

PSALM XV. *Domine, quis habitabit ?*

Christ alone worthy to enter Heaven.

Occasion.—*The translation of the Ark to Jerusalem leads David to point out the kind of moral conduct necessary for those amongst whom the Divine Presence has come to dwell.*

Application.—*To the Ascension of Christ, revealing, as it does, the moral purity of all who would live with Him.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ascension Day (Mattins).*

Who are worthy to enter Heaven ?

LORD, who shall dwell in thy | taber- | -nacle : or who shall rést up- | -on thy | holy | hill ?

Those who follow the Ascended Christ.

2 Even he that léadeth an | uncorrupt | life : and doeth the thing which is right * and spéaketh the | truth | from his | heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue * nor done évil | to his | neighbour : ánd | hath not | slandered . his | neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself * but is lôwly in his | own | eyes : and maketh mûch of | them that | fear the | Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour * and disap- |
pointeth . him | not : though it | were . to his | own |
hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his mōney up- | -on | usury :
nor tākēn re- | -ward a- | -gainst the | innocent.

7 Whōso | doeth . these | things : shāll | nev- | -er |
fall.

PSALM XXI. *Domine, in virtute tua.*

The Blessings and Triumphs of the Ascended Christ.

Occasion.—*David's thanksgiving, to be sung when he returned triumphant from the war.*

Application.—*The Church's thanksgiving for the Victory of Christ and His Ascension into heaven.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ascension Day.*

The Church rejoices in the blessings that greet her King,

THE King shall rejoice in thy | strength O | Lord :
exceeding glād shall he | be of | thy sal- | -vation.

2 Thou hast given him his | heart's de- | -sire : and hast
not denied him the re- | -quest | of his | lips.

3 For thou shalt prevent him with the | blessings . of |
goodness : and shalt set a crown of pure | gold up- | -on
his | head.

4 He asked life of thee * and thou gavest him a | long |
life : éven for | ever | and | ever.

5 His honour is gréat in | thy sal- | -vation : glory and
great wōrship | shalt thou | lay up- | -on him.

6 For thou shalt give him éver- | -lasting . fe- | -licity :
and make him glād with the | joy | of thy | counten-
ance.

7 And why * because the King putteth his trūst | in
the | Lord : and in the mercy of the Most Highest | he
shall | not mis- | -carry.

and propheties a great and lasting success in the future ;

8 All thine énemies shall | feel thy | hand : thy right
hând shall | find out | them that | hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time | of
thy | wrath : the Lord shall destroy them in his displeasure *
ând the | fire | shall con- | -sume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou rōot | out . of the | earth : and
their sēed from a- | -mong the | children . of | men.

11 For they intēded | mischief . a- | -gainst thee : and
imagined such a device as they āre not | able | to per- |
form.

12 Therefore shalt thou pūt | them to | flight : and the
strings of thy bow shalt thou make rēady a- | -gainst the |
face of | them.

for this she prays.

13 Be thou exalted, Lórd in thine | own | strength : sô
will we | sing and | praise thy | power.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXIV. *Domini est terra.*

The Ascension of Christ.

Occasion.—*Probably written to celebrate the bringing up of the
Ark to Ferusa'lem.*

Application.—*To commemorate the Return of Christ to Heaven.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ascension Day (Evensong).*

The awful Majesty of God.

THE earth is the Lord's * and āll that | therein | is :
the compass of the wōrld, and | they that | dwell
there- | -in.

2 For he hath fōunded it up- | -on the | seas : and
prepāred | it up- | -on the | floods.

Character of those who may dwell with Him.

3 Who shall ascend into the hīll | of the | Lord : or
who shall rise ūp | in his | holy | place ?

4 Even he that hath clean hānds and a | pure | heart :
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity * nor
swōrn | to de- | -ceive his | neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blēssing | from the | Lord : and
righteousness frōm the | God of | his sal- | -vation.

6 This is the generātion of | them that | seek him :
even of thēm that | seek thy | face O | Jacob.¹

¹ "Seek thy face, O Jacob." This should be, "Thy face, O God of Jacob"; but Jacob may be taken as a name of our Lord, Who wrestled for us, as Jacob did for his own family; or as signifying the Church, the new Israel of God.

The King of Glory alone lifts the gates of holiness.

7 Lift up your heads O ye gates * and be ye lift up ye éver- | -lasting | doors : and the King of | glory | shall come | in.

8 Whó is the | King of | glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty * éven the | Lord | mighty . in | battle.

9 Lift up your heads O ye gates * and be ye lift up ye éver- | -lasting | doors : and the King of | glory | shall come | in.

10 Whó is the | King of | glory : even the Lord of hôsts | he . is the | King of | glory.

PSALM XLVII. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

The Ascension and Christ's Universal Sovereignty.

Occasion.—*Thanksgiving for the miraculous destruction of Sennacherib's host.*

Application.—*Thanksgiving for the Victory over Death and the consequent Ascension of the Conqueror.*

Use.—*Proper Psalm for Ascension Day (Evensong).*

Praise God for the Triumph of Christ.

O CLAP your hands togethêr | all ye | people : O sing unto Gôd | with the | voice of | melody.

2 For the Lord is high and | to be | feared : he is the great King up- | -on | all the | earth.

3 He shall subdue the péople | under | us : and the | nations | under . our | feet.

4 He shall choose out an | heritage | for us : even the wôrship of | Jacob | whom he | loved.

His Ascension and Sovereignty.

5 God is gone up with a | merry | noise : and the Lórd with the | sound | of the | trump.

6 O sing praises, sing prâises | unto . our | God : O sing prâises, sing | praises | unto . our | King.

7 For God is the King of | all the | earth : sing ye | praises . with | under- | -standing.

8 God réigneth | over . the | heathen : God sitteth up- | -on his | holy | seat.

Christ being lifted up, draws all men unto Him.

9 The princes of the people * are joined unto the people of the | God of | Abraham : for God which is very high exalted * doth defend the earth as it | were | with a | shield.

PSALM CVIII. *Paratum cor meum.*

The Power of Christ's Ascension.

Occasion.—*A composite Psalm made up of Psalms lvii. and lx., to celebrate some victory and inspire fresh hopes.*

Application.—*The Church applies it to Christ's Ascension, and the natural expectations of success founded upon it.*

Use.—*For Ascension Day (Evensong).*

The Church praises God for the Ascension, and prays that its power may be realised.

O GOD my heart is ready, my | heart is | ready : I will sing and give praise with the best | member | that I | have.

2 Awake, thou | lute and | harp : I myself | will a- | -wake right | early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee O Lord, a- | -mong the | people : I will sing praises unto | thee a- | -mong the | nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater | than the | heavens : and thy truth | reacheth | unto . the | clouds.

5 Set up thyself O God, a- | -bove the | heavens : and thy glory a- | -bove | all the | earth.

6 That thy beloved may | be de- | -livered : let thy right hand save | them, and | hear thou | me.

Her hope grounded on an old promise of victory.

7 God hath spoken | in his | holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem * and mete | out the | valley . of | Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and Ma- | -nasses . is | mine : Ephraim also is the | strength | of my | head.

9 Judah is my law-giver * Moab | is my | washpot : over Edom will I cast out my shoe * upon Phi- | -listia | will I | triumph.

Trusting in the might of her Ascended Lord she calls for leaders to assail
a stronghold of Satan.

10 Who will lead me into the | strong | city : and who
will | bring me | into | Edom ?

11 Hast not thou forsaken | us O | God : and wilt not
thou, O Gód, go | forth | with our | hosts ?

12 O hêlp us a- | -gainst the | enemy : for vain | is the |
help of | man.

13 Through Gód we shall | do great | acts : and it is hé
that shall | tread | down our | enemies.

WHIT-SUNDAY.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XLVIII. *Magnus Dominus.*

The Holy Ghost, the Comfort and Stay of the Church.

Occasion.—*Thanksgiving for the miraculous destruction of
Sennacherib's host.*

Application.—*Thanksgiving for the Victory of Christ over Death
and the Gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Use.—*For Whit-Sunday (Mattins).*

The Presence of the Ascended Christ gives glory to the Church ;

GREAT is the Lord, and highly | to be | praised : in
the city of our God * éven up- | -on his | holy | hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place * and the jôy of
the | whole | earth : upon the north-side lieth the city of
the great King * God is well known in her pâlaces | as a |
sure | refuge.

But causes fear to the ungodly, whose designs are broken.

3 For lo, the kings | of the | earth : are gâthered and |
gone | by to- | -gether.

4 They mârvelled to | see such | things : they were
astónished and | sudden- . -ly | cast | down.

5 Fear came thêre upon | them and | sorrow : as upôn
a | woman | in her | travail.

6 Thou shalt break the ships | of the | sea : thróugh | —
the | east- | -wind.

7 Like as we have heard * so have we seen in the city
of the Lord of hosts * in the city | of our | God : Góð
up- | -holdeth . the | same for | ever.

The Gift of the Spirit patiently waited for, and found to be the Church's
Joy and Security.

8 We wait for thy lóving- | -kindness . O | God : ín the |
midst of | thy | temple.

9 O God according to thy Name * so is thy praise
únto the | world's | end : thy right | hand is | full of |
righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice * and the dáughter of |
Judah . be | glad : bé- | -cause of | thy | judgements.

11 Walk about Sion, and gó | round a- | -bout her :
ánd | tell the | towers there- | -of.

12 Mark well her bulwarks, sêť : up her | houses : that ye
may têt | them that | come | after.

13 For this God is our Góð for | ever . and | ever : he
shall bê our | guide | unto | death.

PSALM LXVIII. *Exurgat Deus.*

The Triumphant Acts of the Conquering Christ.

Occasion.—*After some great victory, when the Ark was brought
back from the field of battle to Sion.*

Application.—*After the victory of the Cross, when Christ
re-entered Heaven and sent down the Holy Ghost.*

Use.—*Proper for Whit-Sunday (Mattins).*

Prayer for fresh victories, grounded on God's loving character.

LET God arise, and let his éne- | -mies be | scattered :
let them álsó that | hate him | flee be- | -fore him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, * so shalt thou drive |
them a- | -way : and like as wax melteth at the fire * so
let the ungodly pérish | at the | presence . of | God.

3 But let the righteous be glád and re- | -joice
be- | -fore | God : lét them : also . be | merry . and | joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises | unto . his |
Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens as it
were upon an horse * praise him in his Name JA'H | and
re- | -joice be- | -fore him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless * and defendeth the
cause | of the | widows : even Gôd in his | holy |
habit- | -ation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind
in an house * and bringeth the prisoners | out of .
cap- | -tivity : but letteth the runagâtes con- | -tinue | in |
scarceness.

Hope inspired, by the gifts and wonders that attended the going forth of
Christ from the grave,

7 O God when thou wentest fôrth be- | -fore the |
people : wên thou | wentest | through the | wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped ât the |
presence . of | God : even as Sinai also was moved at the
presence of Gôd, who | is the | God of | Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious raîn upon | thine
in- | -heritance : and refrêshedst | it when | it was | weary.

10 Thy congregâtion shall | dwell there- | -in : for thou,
O God, hast of thy gôodness pre- | -pared | for the | poor.

by the Apostolic preaching and saintly lives,

11 The Lôrd | gave the | word : grêat was the |
company | of the | preachers.

12 Kings with their armies did flêe and | were dis- |
comfited : and thêy of the | household . di- | -vided . the |
spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots * yet shall ye
be as the wings | of a | dove¹ : that is covered with silver
wings | and her | feathers . like | gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings | for their | sake :
thên were they as | white as | snow in | Salmon.²

¹ "As the wings of a dove." The allusion is to the play of colour on the wings of a dove. The new condition of the people contrasted with the bondage in which they once had been, was like that of a dove's wing when compared with that of a dull, black pot.

² Salmon was a gloomy mount near Shechem—snow on it would be very striking. The reference is to the condition of the enemy, "their bleaching bones" give a ghastly whiteness to the battlefield. Spiritual reference to the death-like condition of the world after the first victories of the Christian host.

by the power of the Ascended Lord,

15 As the hill of Basan, sô is | God's | hill : even an high hill | as the | hill of | Basan.

16 Why hop ye so ye high hills * this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth | him to | dwell : yea the Lórd will a- | -bide in | it for | ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand * éven | thousands . of | angels : and the Lord is among them * as in the | holy | place of | Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on high * thou hast led captivity captive, and received | gifts for | men : yea, even for thine enemies * that the Lórd | God might | dwell a- | -mong them.

Who still pours His gifts upon us,

19 Praised bê the | Lord | daily : even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his | bene- | -fits up- | -on us.

20 He is our God * even the Gód of whom | cometh . sal- | -vation : God is the Lórd by | whom . we es- | -cape | death.

21 God shall wound the héad | of his | enemies : and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on | still | in his | wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said * I will bring my people agáin as I | did from | Basan : mine own will I bring again * as I did sometime fróm the | deep | of the | sea.

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blóod | of thine | enemies : and that the tongue of thy dógs may be | red | through the | same.¹

and pursues His way attended by spiritual heroes bright with praise.

24 It is well seen O Gód | how thou | goest : how thou, my God and Kíng | goest | in the | sanctuary.

25 The singers go before * the mínstrels | follow | after : in the midst are the dámsels | playing | with the | timbrels.

26 Give thanks O Israel, unto God the Lórd in the | congre- | -gations : fróm the | ground | of the | heart.

¹ The only vengeance the Church desires is the conversion of Christ's enemies.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler * and the princes of | Judah . their | counsel : the princes of Zabûlon | and the | princes . of | Nephthali.¹

This gives assurance o spiritual conquests, for which God be praised.

28 Thy God hath sênt forth | strength for | thee : stablish the thing, O Gôd that | thou hast | wrought in | us.

29 For thy temple's sâke | at Je- | -rusalem : so shall kîngs bring | presents | unto | thee.

30 When the company of the spear-men, and multitude of the mighty * are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people * so that they hûmblly bring | pieces . of | silver : and when he hath scattered the péople | that de- | -light in | war ;

31 Then shall the princes côme | out of | Egypt : the Morians' land shall soon stretch ôut her | hands | unto | God.²

32 Sing unto God, O ye kîngdoms | of the | earth : Ô sing | praises | unto . the | Lord ;

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over âll | from . the be- | -ginning : lo, he doth send out his voice * yêa and | that a | mighty | voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to Gôd | over | Israel : his wôrship and | strength is | in the | clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thôu in thy | holy | places : even the God of Israel * he will give strength and power unto his péople | blessed | be | God.

¹ St. Paul was a Benjamite, and St. Andrew, St. James, St. Peter, and St. John are said to have belonged to the tribes of Zabulon and Nephthali. They are only typical of the great characters to be found in the army of Christ.

² When there is a great revival of Missionary zeal, missionary Bishops and Priests scattered far and wide amongst the most degraded heathen and converts from the lowest of the people offering their devotions to God, then the great ones of the earth will acknowledge Him to be their God.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CIV. *Benedic, anima mea.*

The work of the Holy Spirit in Nature.

Occasion.—*Probably written by the author of Psalm ciii. As he there calls for national thanksgiving on the ground of national mercies, so here on the ground of God's Providence in Nature.*

Application.—*The Church has always believed that the arrangement, order, beauty, and providence in Nature are due to the Holy Ghost, Who, when the world was without form and void, "moved on the face of the waters." She sings this glorious Psalm in His praise.*

Use.—*Proper for Whit-Sunday (Evensong).*

Praise to the Holy Ghost.

PRAISE the Lórd | O my | soul : O Lord my God,
thou art become exceeding glorious * thou art clóthed
with | majes- | -ty and | honour.

His Glory seen in the light, the clouds, the wind, and the fire.

2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it wére | with a |
garment : and spreadest óut the | heavens | like a | curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of his chámbers | in the |
waters : and maketh the clouds his chariot * and walketh
upón the | wings | of the | wind.

4 He máketh his | angels | spirits : and his mínis- | -ters
a | flaming | fire.

Praise Him for the beauty of earth and water.

5 He laid the foundátions | of the | earth : that it néver
should | move at | any | time.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep, líke as | with a |
garment : the wáters | stand | in the | hills.

7 At thý re- | -buke they | flee : at the vóice of thy |
thunder . they | are a- | -fraid.

8 They go up as high as the hills * and dówn to the |
valleys . be- | -neath : even unto the pláce which | thou .
hast ap- | -pointed | for them.

9 Thou hast set them their bóunds which they | shall
not | pass : neither túrn a- | -gain to | cover . the | earth.

10 He sendeth the springs | into . the | rivers :
whích | run a- | -mong the | hills.

Praise Him for His gracious provision for man, bird and beast.

11 All beasts of the fiéld | drink there- | -of : ánd the wild | asses | quench their | thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the áir have their | habit- | -ation : ánd | sing a- | -mong the | branches.

13 He watereth the hills | from a- | -bove : the earth is filled with the | fruit | of thy | works.

14 He bringeth forth gráss | for the | cattle : and green hêrb | for the | service . of | men ;

15 That he may bring food out of the earth * and wine that maketh glád the | heart of | man : and oil to make him a cheerful countenance * and bréad to | strengthen | man's | heart.

16 The trees of the Lord álso are | full of | sap : even the cedars of Líban- | -us which | he hath | planted ;

17 Wherein the birds | make their | nests : and the fir-trees áre a | dwelling | for the | stork.

18 The high hills are a refuge fôr the | wild | goats : and so are the stóny | rocks | for the | conies.

Praise Him for the Ministry of Night and Day.

19 He appointed the móon for | certain | seasons : and the sún | knoweth . his | going | down.

20 Thou makest darkness * thát it | may be | night : wherein all the béasts | of the | forest . do | move.

21 The lions róaring | after . their | prey : dó | seek their | meat from | God.

22 The sun ariseth * and they gêt them a- | -way to- | -gether : and láy them | down | in their | dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his wôrk, and | to his | labour : ún- | -til the | even- | -ing.

Praise Him for the wonderful variety of His works and for His sustaining Power.

24 O Lord, how mánifold | are thy | works : in wisdom hast thou made them all * the éarth is | full | of thy | riches.

25 So is the gréat and | wide sea | also : wherein are things creeping innumerable * bóth | small and | great | beasts.

26 There go the ships * and thére is | that Le- | -viathan : whom thou hast máde to | take his | pastime . there- | -in.

27 These wáit | all up- . -on | thee : that thou mayest
gíve them | meat in | due | season.

28 When thou givest it thém they | gather | it : and
when-thou openest thy hánd | they are | filled . with | good.

29 When thou hidest thy fáce | they are | troubled :
when thou takest away their breath they die * and are
túrned a- | -gain | to their | dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go fórch they | shall
be | made : and thou shalt renéw the | face | of the | earth.

He alone is glorified and His praise shall be unceasing.

31 The glorious Majesty of the Lórd shall en- | -dure
for | ever : the Lórd shall re- | -joice | in his | works.

32 The earth shall trémble at the | look of | him : if he do
but tóuch the | hills | they shall | smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lórd as | long as . I | live : I will
praise my Gód | while I | have my | being.

34 And só shall my | words | please him : my jóy shall |
be | in the | Lord.

35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the
earth * and the ungódlly shall | come . to an | end : praise
thou the Lord O my sóul | praise | — the | Lord.

PSALM CXLV. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

The Ministry of the Holy Ghost.

Occasion.—*Probably written in the time of Nehemiah by an exile, who, whilst he rejoices in Israel's restoration, has learned in a foreign land that God is loving to every man and fills all things living with plenteousness.*

Application.—*It was at Pentecost that the Church first learned something of the universality of God's gift. Those under the power of the Holy Ghost spoke in other tongues the wonderful works of God. This Psalm, then, fittingly expresses the Ministry of One Who proceeds from God to bring all things to God.*

Use.—*Proper for Whit-Sunday (Evensong).*

The Power and Glory of the Holy Ghost.

I WILL magnify thée O | God my | King : and I will
práise thy | Name for | ever . and | ever.

2 Every day will I give thánks | unto | thee : and práise thy | Name for | ever . and | ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous * wóthy | to be | praised : there is no | end | of his | greatness.

4 One generation shall praise thy wórk | unto . an- | other : ánd de- | -clare | thy | power.

5 As for me, I will be tálk | of thy | worship : thy glóry, thy | praise and | wondrous | works ;

6 So that men shall speak of the míght of thy | marvellous | acts : and I will álso | tell | of thy | greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness | shall be | shewed : and mén shall | sing | of thy | righteousness.

Through His Ministry the love of God is manifested.

8 The Lórd is | gracious . and | merciful : long-súffering | and of | great | goodness.

9 The Lord is loving únto | every | man : and his mércy is | over | all his | works.

10 All thy works práise | thee O | Lord : and thy sáints give | thánks | unto | thee.

11 They shew the glóry | of thy | kingdom : ánd | talk | of thy | power ;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and míghtiness | of thy | kingdom : míght be | known | unto | men.

13 Thy kingdom is an éver- | -lasting | kingdom : and thy domínion en- | -dureth . through- | -out all | ages.

Through His Providence all are quickened.

14 The Lord uphóldeth all | such as | fall : and lifteth úp all | those | that are | down.

15 The eyes of all wáit upon | thee O | Lord : and thou givest them their | meat in | due | season.

16 Thou ópenest | thine | hand : and fillest | all things | living . with | plenteousness.

17 The Lord is ríghteous in | all his | ways : ánd | holy . in | all his | works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all thém that | call up- | -on him : yea áll such as | call up- | -on him | faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the désire of | them that | fear him : he also will héar their | cry | and will | help them.

20 The Lord presêrveth all | them that | love him : but
scâttereth a- | -broad | all . the un- | -godly.

21 My mouth shall speak the prâise | of the | Lord :
and let all flesh give thanks unto his hólý | Name for |
ever . and | ever.

PSALM XX. *Exaudiat te Dominus.*

For King and Country.

Occasion.—*David's Litany, to be sung by the people in his behalf
before going out to battle.*

Application.—*The Church's Prayer for the Sovereign and the
Nation.*

Use.—*Proper for the King's Accession.*

The prayer for the Nation.

THE Lord hear thee ín the | day of | trouble : the Náme
of the | God of | Jacob . de- | -fend thee ;

2 Send thee hêlp | from the | sanctuary : ánd |
strengthen . thee | out of | Sion ;

3 Remêmbër | all thy | offerings : ánd ac- | -cept thy |
burnt | sacrifice ;

4 Gránt thee thy | heart's de- | -sire : ánd ful- | -fil | all
thy | mind.

Confidence that it will be granted.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation * and triumph in the
Náme of the | Lord our | God : the Lórd per- | -form all |
thy pe- | -titions.

The faith and prayer of the Church stimulated thereby.

6 Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed *
and will hear him fróm his | holy | heaven : even with the
whólesome | strength of | his right | hand.

7 Some put their trust in châriots and | some in |
horses : but we will remember the Náme | of the | Lord
our | God.

8 Thêý are brought | down and | fallen : but wê are |
risen . and | stand | upright.

9 Save, Lord, and hêar us O | King of | heaven : whén
we | call up- | -on | thee.

PSALM CI. *Misericordiam et judicium.*

The Nation's resolve if Christ will be with her.

Occasion.—*David purposes that if but the Ark is allowed to come to his new capital, he will do his best to make his ministry and court worthy of it.*

Application.—*The Church prays that the Nation may not only know how to walk in God's way, but have courage to maintain purity and uprightness in her servants.*

Use.—*A Proper Psalm for the Accession of the Sovereign.*

The Nation's prayer and hope.

MY sông shall be of | mercy . and | judgement :
unto thêe O | Lord | will I | sing.

2 O lêt me have | under- | -standing : in the | way
of | godli- | -ness.

3 When wilt thou côme | unto | me : I will walk in
my hōuse | with a | perfect | heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand * I hate the sins |
of un- | -faithfulness : there shall nô such | cleave | unto | me.

Her resolve to have a pure Court and faithful ministers.

5 A froward hêart shall de- | -part from | me : I will
not | know a | wicked | person.

6 Whoso privily slânder- | -eth his | neighbour : hîm | —
will | I de- | -stroy.

7 Whoso hath also a proud lóok and | high | stomach :
I' | will not | suffer | him.

8 Mine eyes look upon such as are fáithful | in the |
land : thát | they may | dwell with | me.

9 Whoso léadeth a | godly | life : hê | — shall | be my |
servant.

10 There shall no deceitful person dwéll | in my | house :
he that telleth lies, sháll not | tarry | in my | sight.

11 I shall soon destroy all the ungódlly that are | in the |
land : that I may root out all wicked doers, fróm the | city |
of the | Lord.

PSALM CXXI. *Levavi oculos.***The journey only safely undertaken in God.**

Occasion.—*The pilgrims encourage one another with mutual addresses of faith, as they face the serious difficulties of the long and dangerous journey.*

Application.—*The Church stimulates her children to go forward by promises of Divine protection.*

Use.—*For those about to travel.*

The upward look of faith

I WILL lift up mine eyes | unto . the | hills : frõm |
whence | cometh . my | help.

2 My help cometh even | from the | Lord : whõ hath |
made | heavenand | earth.

met by the promise of Protection and Preservation.

3 He will not suffer thy ffoot | to be | moved : and
hẽ that | keepeth . thee | will not | sleep.

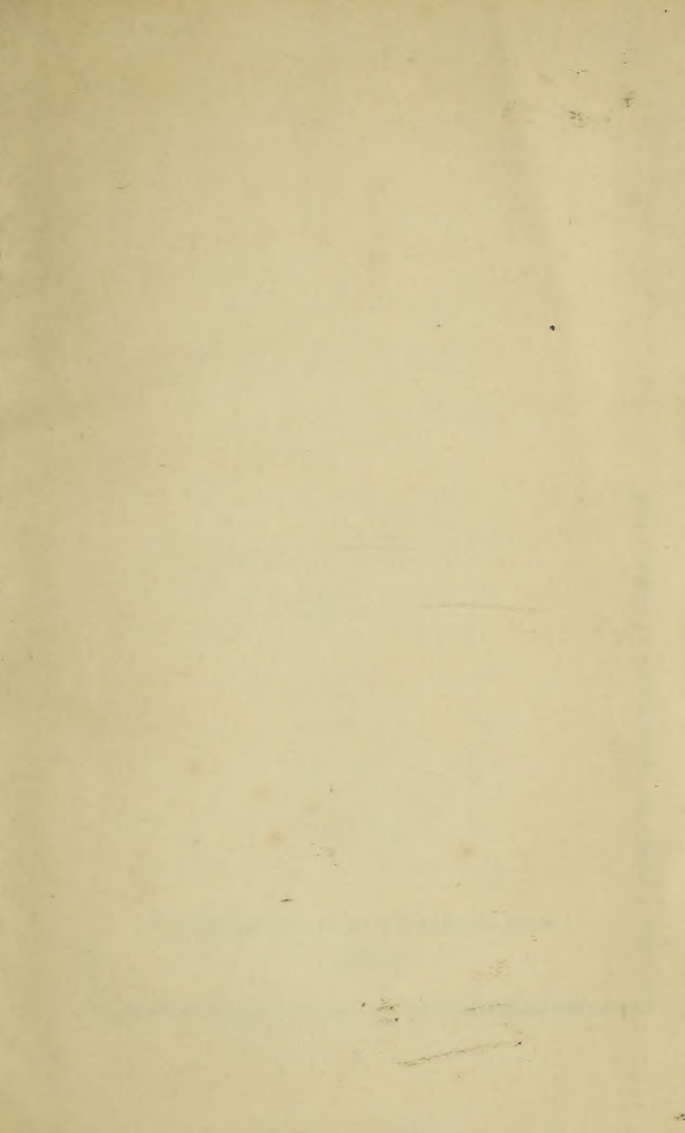
4 Behold, hẽ that | keepeth | Israel : sháll | neither |
slumber . nor | sleep.

5 The Lord himsêlf | is thy | keeper : the Lord is
thy defẽce up- | -on thy | right | hand ;

6 So that the sun shall not bûrn | thee by | day :
neither the | moon | by | night.

7 The Lord shall presêrve thee from | all | evil : yea,
it is even hẽ | that shall | keep thy | soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out * and thy |
coming | in : from thís time . forth for | ever- | -more.



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